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Press Time Notes

By the time this is being read the delegation from the Farmers' Unions of the west will have made their presentation to the federal cabinet. It is understood the request will be for advances on farm stored grain to be made by-the elevator companies and guaranteed by the federal treasury. The request is to be for \$4 an acre advances up to 800 acres. The cabinet should agree.

The demand for stocker cattle is running about the same as last year with prices being about the same level. Eastern Canada has been buying the tops in stockers, while the domestic demand has been mainly for plain and medium. Looks like the

market for best quality of fat cattle will hold at a fair level for 4 or 5 months. Meat demand will run at the same level as last year. Hogs are down in numbers so prices should be up and more beef eaten. As long as prosperous times continue there'll be plenty of meat bought. U.S. drouth states have been marketing heavily.

Announcement of the four Alberta farm families selected for the Master Farm Family awards was made by Hon. L. C. Halmrast, minister of agriculture, as follows: the A. D. Fraser family of Tepee Creek in the Grande Prairie district; the Wilfred McGilli-vray family of Coaldale; the John Rozmahel family of Viking, and the Alfred Rose family of Ricinus in the Rocky Mountain House district. Congratulations !



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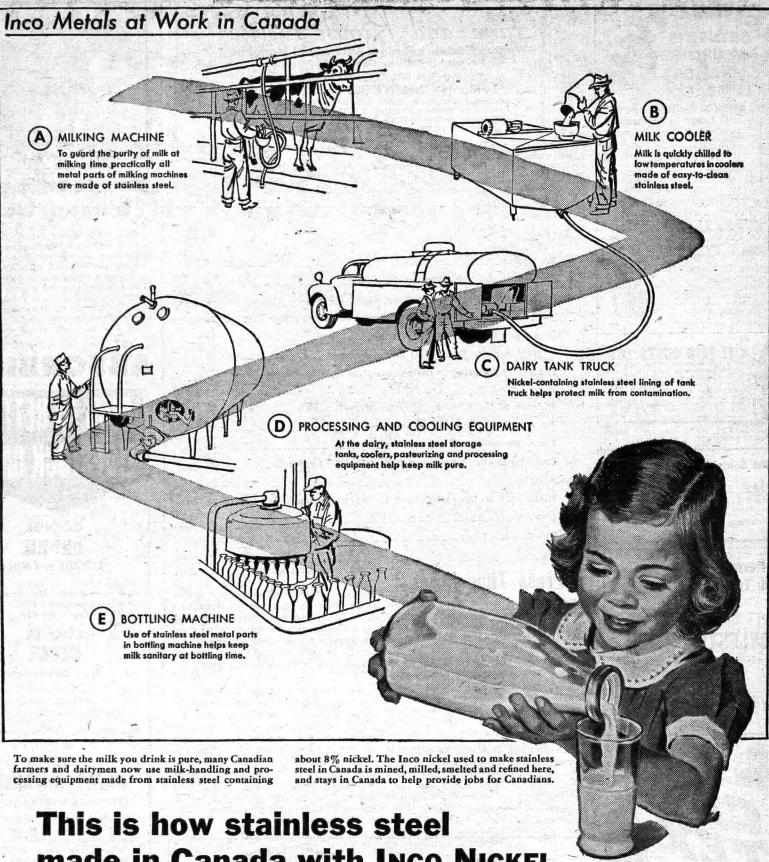
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Farm and Ranch Review Editorials

The Imbalance Of Canadian Trade

THE demand for wheat for Europe, and particularly Great Britain, brought about the agricultural opening of the prairie provinces of Western Canada.

This area's main market for wheat is still Europe and principally the United Kingdom. Over the years the British take about 36% of Canada's wheat exports.

As this country has always had a favorable trade balance with the Motherland, the British have to pay cash to balance accounts. Prior to the last world war this money was obtained mainly through the export of tin and rubber from Far Eastern dependencies, tea from India any Ceylon and gold from South Africa.

At the present time the United Kingdom has not such resources available and must pay in dollars, and the British supply of that prized monetary unit is lamentably low. That is why British statesmen constantly urge Canadians to buy more British products.

In the ten years from 1946 to 1955 inclusive, Canada's favorable trade balance with Great Britain totalled \$3,366,000,000, or an average of \$336 million a year.

In the same ten years Canada's unfavorable trade balance with the United States ran up to \$5,513,000,000, or an average of \$551 million a year.

Canada would have greater assurance of continuing to sell better than one hundred million bushels of wheat a year to Great Britain, if we bought more clothing, machinery, electrical goods, steel and so on from that nation; more citrus fruits and juices, cotton and so on from nations in the £ financial empire, and less from the United States.

Too Many Makers Of Refrigerators

ECONOMISTS tell us that there are too many farmers on the land in Canada, and the inefficient should sell out and move to the urban centres.

But we have yet to hear an economist suggest that there are too many manufacturing plants making refrigerators and some of them should go out of business.

The president of one of the largest plants making refrigerators told the Royal Commission on Canadian Economic Affairs that there are 22 such plants in Canada, and that one well-equipped factory could have produced all of Canada's refrigerator requirements in 1955, while working at only 50% of capacity.

Each one of the 22 plants must get some share of the market. That means the cost of the product must be maintained at too high a level. One efficient plant supplying the entire demand would probably be able to cut the cost to the ultimate buyers by at least 25% and probably 50%.

If it would be commonsense to get excess farm families off the land, would it not be good business to cut down the number of refrigerator manufacturers?

How Science Helps Agriculture

THE world has suddenly become aware of the advantage of scientific knowledge. The vast new vistas opened by the tremendous discoveries of the past fifteen years have impressed upon nations the urgent need for the training of the best brains of their youth in scientific fields. This is true of peaceful pursuits as well as in the search for weapons for the destruction of human life and property.

Science has invaded the field of agriculture and the most ancient of human occupations is undergoing a peaceful revolution comparable to that of industry in the mid-1800's. It is now obvious that the successful farmer of the future will be a highly trained specialist with a range of scientific knowledge such as is now possessed by the professions. Even now he is no longer the "Rueben comes to town" type, or, as pictured by the poet Edwin Markham, "bowed with the weight of centuries, he leans upon his hoe and gazes on the ground, the emptiness of ages in his face and on his back the burden of the world."

The burden of the world is still the responsibility of the farmer, for some 2,600,000,000 people need food every day to keep them alive. But science is making its contribution to production and the horizon of the farmer is rapidly expanding.

The U.S. Parity Plan Would Not Work Here

CANADIAN farmer organizations who are asking the government to provide parity prices for farm products should work out a well-thought-out plan for such a program.

There are some farm leaders who think the United States' plan, worked out over many years, would be suitable for Canada. It is doubtful, however, if any government that might be elected in Canada would follow the course taken by the U.S. government.

Big farm operators get too much of the financial benefits from the plan in operation in the United States. Too many farmers there get too little of the government largesse.

A report published by the U.S. department of agriculture a couple of years ago showed that 550,000 farmers there, who needed help the least, were getting as much as 4,500,000 farmers, many of whom badly needed financial help.

Under the set-up then in operation 2% of the farmers got 25% of the price support funds, and another 9% got 25%. Thus 89% of the farmers in that nation got 50% of the funds available for price support.

That scheme would not be tolerated in Canada.

It is the essence of inequity. Not only is it unfair to the great majority of farmers, but also to the taxpayers of the nation, who provide the funds.

Parliament Should Hold The Purse Strings

IT will be some months to come before the Royal Commission on Broadcasting in Canada, which has been holding exteinsive hearings across the nation, completes its report. It has a mountainous mass of material to go through and must reach decisions on problems of major importance. The recommendations it makes will influence governmental policy for many years to come.

It should be clearly understood that the commission's terms of reference are limited. Parliament will continue to control the operations of radio and television and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation will continue to be the central feature in Canada's broadcasting policy. Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, prime minister of Canada, made these points clear before the commission was appointed.

However, the commission has quite a number of avenues of investigation open to it and one of them appears to be deserving of comment, namely the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's financial needs and how the money should be provided and administered. The Canadian people must bear this burden and heavy governmental taxation and the increasing cost of living, farm operation and doing business is bearing down heavily on the population of this nation.

The estimates presented by the CBC work out to an expenditure of about \$94,500,000 a year. If the corporation's plans are adopted this will likely increase to \$100,000,000 a year in the not too distant future. Even in this period of inflated money that is a very large sum to be expended year after year.

The CBC memorandum suggests that the government should make a fixed arrangement for providing revenues over a period of years. It does not want the Corporation's estimates to come before the house of commons each year. It says that would have to take responsibility for how the money is to be spent and that would, in the opinion of the CBC officials, involve the corporation in politics.

But the CBC is a government body and cannot help being involved in politics. Not a session of parliament is held without extensive debate over the Corporation's affairs. The substantial amounts of money required to operate the Corporation each year must come out of the pockets of Canadian people and surely the house of commons should have some say as to how the money should be spent!

It has been an historic right of free parliaments for centuries past to carefully examine and direct governmental expenditures. King Charles I of England tried to take away that right with the result that he lost his head. Secrecy in spending government funds leads to extravagance and waste. Once a bureaucracy becomes firmly intrenched, with ample funds at its disposal and no necessity for accounting to parliament how money should be spent, all ideas of thrift and economical administration go out the window.

Early Rising On The Farm

FROM time immemorial farmers have been early risers, particularly in the busy spring, summer and autumn season. We do not know what were the habits of prehistoric farmers. But scientists maintain that farming was first carried on in Mesopotamia, now known as Iraq and Iran, between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. Extensive irrigation works have been unearthed there. And irrigation farmers always have had to put in long days.

A survey taken recently among farmers in the state of Iowa revealed that 97% rose before 6 a.m., and of that number 29% were out of bed before 5 a.m. In the busy seeding, growing and harvesting seasons the sun measures the hours the man on the farm labors.

Not many town or city folks see the glory of a summer dawn, but then is when there is activity in the farm homes. While the city man has eaten fruit or fruit juice, a slice of toast or so and drunk his coffee around 8 a.m., the farmer is out in the fields, having partaken of a hearty breakfast of ham (or bacon) and eggs, fruit and possibly fried potatoes. He has physical work to do.

The Iowa survey showed that most farmers (87% of them) were in bed by 10 p.m. That provides 7 or 8 hours of sound slumber after a long day's work.

One farmer suggested to the originator of the survey on early rising: "You should have asked women this question, too. Most of them get up earlier than men do. My wife does. She starts the breakfast and then calls me."

Well Fed Canadians

"ILL fares the land to hastening ills a prey, when wealth accumulates and men decay." So wrote Oliver Goldsmith in his poem The Deserted Village.

Wealth is accumulating in Canada, but there are no signs of physical decay among the people of this country, for they are eating more expensive food than ever before. The per capita expenditure on food has risen from \$159 in 1930 to \$227, an increase of \$68. That increase is in what the economists call a "constant (1949) dollar", making allowance for monetary inflation.

Bread and potatoes are the main items in the diets of nations where the people are relatively poor. Canadians have decreased consumption of both and are now heavy meat eaters. Last year the per capita consumption of meat in this country was $151\frac{1}{2}$ pounds. In addition the poultry meat consumption on a per capita basis was 30 pounds, bringing the grand total to $181\frac{1}{2}$ pounds. Meats provide a high protein diet, and a trimmer waist-line.

Beef consumption in 1955 averaged 72 pounds for every man, woman and child in Canada; pork consumption, 58 pounds; veal, 8.8 pounds, and mutton and lamb, 2.8 pounds. Canned and other forms of meat made up the balance.

There has been a respectable in-

crease in the consumption of milk and cheese and also eggs. But the most spectacular increase in Canadian menus is in citrus fruits and fruit juices, the imported value of which has risen from \$9 million pre-war to \$30 million in 1955 for the fruit alone. In addition the value of citrus juices, etc., imported last year totalled $$13\frac{1}{2}$ million.

Popular intake of native fruits and vegetables has also increased at a rapid rate in the past five years. The perfecting of methods of freezing same having made a contribution to larger marketings.

All in all the Canadian people are among the best fed in the entire world, and the percentage of income spent on food in this country is among the lowest in the world. The industrial worker can now buy more food with one hour of labor than ever before in all history.

In Canada since 1949 the cost of food has risen $12\frac{1}{2}\%$ since 1949, while the cost of living has gone up 18%. But that $12\frac{1}{2}\%$ increase in food costs has not gone to the producer. It was absorbed entirely in the processing and distribution of food. The prices of farm products at the farm are at much the same level, taken as a whole, as they were in 1949.

As the Canadian Federation of Agriculture points out this situation does not mean that the farmer is holding his own in the economic field for stationary prices in an inflationary period are really falling prices.

The number of passenger cars in Canada is 3,943,382, according to the Automobile Chamber of Commerce. That means there is a car for every 5.3 Canadians.

A nation's most valuable resource is the soil. Gold is more spectacular; nickle, copper, lead, zinc and iron have made fortunes for individuals. Oil has speeded up transportation and kept the wheels of industry moving. Forestry has provided homes, fuel and other needs. But it is the soil which produces the sources of allife and the lasting and essential wealth of a nation.

Eleven years ago Germany was in ruins, the agricultural eastern portion wrested away by Russia, hundreds of manufacturing plants dismantled, and money valueless. Today Western Germany is the second wealthiest nation in the free world (the United States is the richest) having surpassed Great Britain. German factories are running at top speed, her exports expanding and her people prosperous. The German recovery is one of the most amazing events in the history of the world.

Present-day farming requires many skills and the ability on the part of the farm operator to use effectively the findings of science. So the Canadian Federation of Agriculture suggests that young farmers should receive at least two years vocational training in agriculture and as much secondary and university education as they wish to take. Successful farmers today must be highly trained, keen-minded businessmen. The era of the "rube" farmer is a thing of the distant past.

Where Freedom Brings Production

MANY years ago we heard and read reports of what was going on in Soviet Russia. Most of these belittled the progress being made there in industrializing the nation. No advancement could be made under autocratic and cruel control, we were told. Furthermore, it was intimated that it would take several generations to make Russian people mechanical-mided. We laughed with the rest when Walter Winchell, radio commentator, remarked that the Russians couldn't even copy a Chevrolet car.

Our scientists maintained that an atmosphere of freedom was necessary to permit scientific progress, and Russia's treatment of her scientists would hamper progress and leave that nation far behind the nations of the free world.

But Russia has mastered the technique of industrialism to a surprising degree. While the production of consumer goods there is low, and the population haven't the necessities of life, so common to the western world, the production of armaments is in immense quantity and high quality.

The scientists in Russia, perhaps assisted by traitors from other nations, have been able to produce atomic bombs in great variety and of immense power. They do not seem to have been upset or hampered by autocratic domination.

The passing years, however, have demonstrated beyond question that Russia has an Achilles heel*. Agriculture there has not kept pace in production with the increased population. Communism certainly does not sit well with the Russian farmers. A recent immigrant from the Ukraine to Canada said: "On a collective farm you own nothing, not even your own soul."

In Western Canada there are about 235,000 grain farmers. This year they will produce close to 480 million bushels of wheat. In Russia there are 25,000,000 farmers and total wheat production is somewhat over a billion bushels.

Our farmers, in possession of their own land, will cheerfully work long hours to produce to the limit. They will face misfortunes and tribulations courageously and carry on in the midst of adversity. They would not do so for any government. But they own their land.

For untold centuries farmers have taken pride in land ownership. To the lover of the earth his farm is his little kingdom, a piece of the earth he can call his very own. Workers put in hours in offices and factories for regular stipends never can get the feel of ownership, such as is in the breast of the farmer.

Maybe over the years ahead Russia's communist party can break down in the minds of their workers on collective farms the desire for land ownership which has been deeply planted there. But we think not.

* Fable relates that Achilles' mother dipped him in a stream, while a baby, which gave his body protection against the weapons of enemies. But she had to hold him by the heel to prevent his drowning, and that part of his body became vulnerable. He was killed by being shot in the hell by an arrow.

Health and Happiness

Sewing and reading should be done in a clear light, neither too bright nor too dim. Efficient lighting will help to prevent eye strain.

The lunch box should contain one third of the day's nourishment. Milk, fruit or vegetables, bread and a protein food should form the basic selec-

Cheese is one of our most economical foods as well as being a valuable and versatile addition to the diet. As a good source of calcium it is necessary to old and young.

A little extra attention to the care of the feet will pay dividends. Careful bathing, correctly fitted shoes and foot exercises will make standing and walking less fatiguing.

Very small children do not appreciate expensive and complicated toys. Usually, they are much happier with such simple playthings as an old saucepan and some sand, or small boxes and blocks.

Children are sensitive to any feeling of discord in the home. When adults must hold arguments, it is as well to do this when the small child is not present. Continued disharmony in the home may cause the youngster to develop a feeling of insecurity.

The child's first teeth are often afflicted with dental caves as early as the age of three, therefore it is wise to have the youngster's first visit to the dentist arranged for that year. Although these first teeth are temporary, they have a decided effect upon the permanent set.

One of the chief safeguards against tuberculosis is to have regular chest X-ray examinations. Since this method can discover symptoms of the disease in the earliest and most curable stages, it is usually possible to give prompt treatment with success ful results.

Cleaning fabrics at home is easy and economical but there is danger if the chemical is used in a room that is not properly ventilated. Carbon tetrachloride is exceedingly dangerous. The best method of using home cleaners is to do the job on a verandah or outside.

Diseases of heart and arteries are still the leading cause of death in Canada. Medical research is still seeking an infallible cure, but at present the patient's chief hope of living as normally as possible is to cooperate with his doctor and to have regular medical care.

The sufferer from a series of winter colds would do well to take a survey of his diet. If he skips breakfast and makes lunch a mere snack, he may have the cause of his cold problem. Breakfast and lunch should each constitute a third of the day's nourish-

When the day of retirement arrives, the wise person will have hobbies or a substitute occupation ready to take the place of the old job. Sudden idleness after a busy active career may prove dangerous mentally and physically for the older person.

When it is necessary for a young child te enter hospital, he should be given confidence but not deceived, if he is to stay there for a time. It is not a good idea to let him think the whole thing is just a picnic, since this may lead to a feeling of deception if he has any pain.



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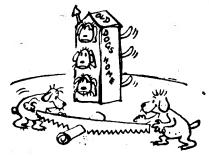
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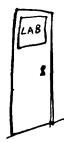
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Winter Station For Birds

By KERRY WOOD

THE pleasant hobby of feeding the winter birds starts during the golden month of October. That's when the colorful leaves of the Manitou's Cloak fall from the trees and we see again the hardy birds that spend the cold weather in our clime. Friendly chickadees, both the brown-headed Hursonians and the common blackcaps. Quanking nuthatches that run head first down the trunks of trees while seeking the eggs of plant lice. Brown creepers go after the same food, but the creepers travel in a spiral movement up the tree trunks and thus pick up the eggs that nuthatches miss.

The woodpecker tribe is represented in the west by the salt-and-pepper colored Downy and Hairy varieties, the rarer Aretic three-toed, and the beautiful 17-inch Pileated with its distinctive scarlet topnotch. Bluejays and Canada jays or whiskey jacks become noisy again, and hungry. Slatecolored juncos flit through the underbrush, most of them migrating south but a few hardy specimens always willing to take a chance on spending the winter with us. Flocks of Bohemian waxwings utter their wheezy notes as they feast on red berries of the mountain ash, while the winged seeds of Manitoba maples are visited by those brilliant yellow, black, and white Evening Grosbeaks. Spruce cones attract two varieties of the parrot-like Crossbills. And to the open fields near our homes come flights of redpolls and snow buntings, each of these birds devouring 500 to 700 weedseeds every winter's day!

But let's get on with the happy chore of establishing a feeding station. Suet is the most acceptable food we can give the birds, and it may be tied to a tree trunk or suspended in a fatty bundle from a branch. Magpies will soon pilfer it if the suet is within their reach, hence I favor the hanging board-feeder which these scavengers cannot rob. Such a feeder may be made from a scrap of lumber measuring four by twelve inches. A dozen 2½-inch nails are pounded through so that the points extend on one side. Suet is then impaled on the nail pints which anchor it securely, while a scrap of strings holds the fatty lump in place. I like to put a roof on suet-boards to shed rain and snow, but this refinement is not really necessary. Another fancy touch is painting the boards in bright colors, whereupon they become handsome decorations on the garden trees.

However, the chief purpose of such a board is to present suet to chickadees, núthatches, woodpeckers, and jays. A hanging board can't be raided by either magpies or crows. Squirrels love to carry off food, but the swinging board prevents them getting more than a fair share. In squirrel country, it pays to use a length of wire instead of string to hang the feeder from a branch. Otherwise, the animals' sharp teeth severs the string and drops the feeder to the ground, where it will soon be robbed clean.

Another good feeder is made by boring large auger holes in a length of iog, plugging the holes full of suet, then suspending the food-log in a horizontal position between two trees.

Or you may use the bark-feeder, utilizing the deeply indented bark of an old balm tree. Chunks of bark are nailed to a board, melted fat is poured over the bark crevices, then the feeder is hung on a tree.

Whatever feeding method you choose, you'll find that suet and fats attract scores of useful birds around the home premises.

Yet there are other foods we may give them. For example, almost all table scraps will interest birds, with the general favorite being stale or toasted bread and crumbs. Scraps of this sort can be served on a shelf board put up outside the kitchen window, or placed on a platform-feeder—a flat board supported by a pedestal pole that keeps the feeding area well out of reach of dogs and cats. Another type of feeder is the pivot-vane built around a central pivot rod, with wind vanes at the sides to keep the feeder opening always faced away from the chilling winds of winter.

Birds need shelter as well as food. Natural tree shelter is, of course, the very best, but some operators create artificial shelter belts by erecting windbreaks made of plyboard and putting the food on the downwind side. Coarse sand and fine gravel will attract winter birds almost as much as food, because many species require grits that are hard to find in snowy weather. For example, grouse and pheasants soon become regular visitors to a gravel box.

A great favorite at our feeding station is bird pudding. This is made by mixing the basic ingredients of bread crumbs, crushed peanuts, and cracked have on hand such as sunflower seeds, have on hand such as sunflower seds, millet spray, flax, and chopped raisins and currants. Melted fat is used as the binder, the completed pudding set outside to cool and harden, then it is served on either the kitchen window shelf or the platform feeder. Most small birds are particularly fond of the pudding mixture, while red and flying squirrels, white-footed mice and even shy shrews will do their best to get a taste of the treat.

Once established, a feeding station provides abundant returns in pleasure. Birds and animals become quite tame once they realize that the feeder is their domain, and that they are fully protected while there. You will enjoy the comical antics of jays, the serious concentration of hungry woodpeckers, the brisk cheerfulness of chickadees, the bossiness of nuthatches, and the saucy impudence of squirrels. Children and adults alike find such a station a place of absorbing interest. This can be yours for the small outlay of a few cents for suet and a few minutes' work to set up the feeders. Why don't you try it?

REMEMBER TO FLINCH

An optician instructed a new employee in the technique of reaching a fair and honest price.

He said: "After you have fitted glasses to a customer and he asks the price, you say, 'the charge is \$10.00.' Then you pause and watch for the flinch. If the customer does not flinch you say that is for the frame, and the lenses will be another \$10.00. Then you pause again and if the customer does not flinch you say, 'each'."

Notable Wheat Anniversary

By GRANT MacEWAN

THIS is an anniversary salute to wheat, the stuff which, more than anything else, brought world fame to Western Canada, built its towns and cities, paid for its railroads and transformed its face. With a year-end carry-over of some five hundred million bushels and another harvest, it is an appropriate time to glance back at October, 1876, exactly eighty years ago this month, when an order for 5,000 bushels of western wheat couldn't be filled. The West didn't have that much.

On that October 21st, eighty years ago, the few Winnipegers who had nothing else to do, watched a stern-wheeler riverboat splash away from a shaky dock at the foot of Lombard Street, and upstream with a cargo of 857 bushels and ten pounds of wheat—the first western grain to be shipped out in return for legal money. It wasn't an imposing shipment and probably nobody had such gifts of prophecy as to sense what it meant in terms of the country's future— a tiny trickle of bread wheat which very quickly was to become a torrent—a seventeen thousand million bushel torrent over the 80 years.

About the only western exports of any account up to that time were Furs seemed to be the logical furs. crop. There was no point in growing more wheat than the small population at Red River and back at the fur posts could eat. Furthermore, wheat had been tricky to grow — temperamental as an Assiniboine Medicine Man. first Selkirk settlers who carried a bushel and a half of precious seed wheat and planted it beside the Red River where Winnipeg stands today were saddened by its failure. Frost and grasshoppers and mice and floods took successive crops and some people concluded that wheat production would never succeed on the soil of this cold buffalo pasture. But to reward the more persistent settlers, varying degrees of success did follow and in most years the folk on Red River farms were able to furnish enough wheat to meet all local needs for bread.

The Advent of Red Fife

Not so in 1874 and '75, however. Grasshoppers ruined the Manitoba crop, leaving neither grain for bread nor wheat for seed. Faced with the necessity of importing seed for the plantings of 1876, Manitoba settlers travelled far into United States territory and returned in the spring with a new kind of wheat — Red Fife they called it. Strangely enough it was a wheat of Canadian origin, having had its beginning in the garden of Scottish settler David Fife at Peterborough, Ontario. Stranger still, the new wheat seemed to love the Manitoba soil; in its very first year, it produced beyond all expectations and this was the wheat that entered into that initial outward shipment, in the fall of that year.

It created quite a stir in the little Winnipeg community when it was learned that "a man has just arrived from Toronto to buy wheat." There had been a poor crop in Ontario that year and the Toronto seed firm of Steele Brothers sought to secure seed in other parts. Manitoba was suggested because, it was reasoned, wheat grown under the adverse conditions of the chilly West should be hardy and vigorous.

It was late in the season before the officers of the Toronto seed company made their bold decision and R. C. Steele, later president of the firm of Steele, Briggs Company, delegated himself to take the long and difficult journey to Winnipeg, far beyond the

railroads of that day. His route was by way of St. Paul in Minnesota and the end of railroad steel at Fisher's Landing, also in Minnesota. The transportation ticket in Steele's pocket provided for riverboat travel on the last lap of the journey into Winnipeg. But that riverboat trip would take three days and Steele was in a hurry; he hired a team and wagon and drove to Winnipeg, beating the boat by more than a day. The final 150 miles he made in 30 hours plus the time needed to change horses.

Farm Price, 80c a Bushel

At Winnipeg, Steele enlisted the help of David Young of the firm of "Higgins and Young, dealers in boots and shoes, crockery and glassware." Young was glad to act as Steele's agent and to earn a buying commission of five cents a bushel in good Toronto money. From October 13 until October 21, the Manitoba Daily Free Press carried the Higgins and Young announcement: "Cash for choice wheat to export to Ontario... 80 cents per bushel."

Quickly the news spread from one riverbank farm to another: "real cash money for wheat." It was the best topic for conversation since Louis Riel was in command of the settlement, six years before. Farmers looked over their stocks of grain and estimated how much they could spare. Wives held cotton bags while husbands shovelled wheat and wagons and carts conveyed the grain to Mc-Millan's Mill on the west bank of the Red River. But nobody had much to sell and it became guite clear that in all the country stretching from Red River to the Rocky Mountains, Steele had no chance of securing the full 5,000 bushels he wanted and for which he was prepared to pay. The biggest single wheat transaction was 204 bushels from G. R. Miller of Kildonan and the next biggest were 154 bushels from H. Soar of St. John and 102 bushels from R. Black of Springfield.

The Route to Toronto

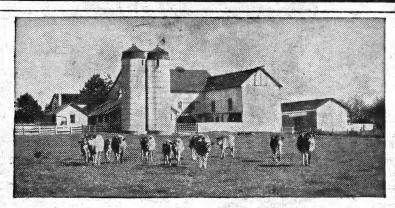
By October 21st it was quite evident that Steele had all the wheat which was available in the West — 857 bushels and ten pounds — and he proceeded to place it in 412 new sacks brought from the East for the purpose, five cents a bushel for buying commission, 26 cents each for cotton sacks and 35 cents a bushel for freight. The bagged wheat was piled on the deck of Jim Hill's river boat, The Selkirk, and after a bold toot from the boat's whistle on that frosty Saturday morning, wheat grown on western soil started on its first long journey.

It was a good thing that Steele had hurried in his travelling and buying operations because a few days after the departure of the Selkirk and its little shipment of wheat, the Red River froze over and navigation ended for the season. But by this time the wheat was at Fisher's Landing, from which point it could go to Duluth by rail and ultimately to Toronto.

The seed company was disappointed in the amount of wheat but delighted with the quality. 'Tis said the grain created a mild sensation and people in the trade in Toronto were quick to enquire if Manitoba and the West were likely to produce more of the same kind. Folk who thought scornfully about the "Land of Ice and Snow" were inclined at once to more charitable speculation; there was new interest in building the much-debated Transcontinental Railway. That wheat in the 412 bags was the best publicity the new West had received and more eastern people began to

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Camsell Indian Hospital By ARKLEY LUCILLE O'FARRELL

IF you want the thrill of a lifetime, drive through that lovely valley south of Edmonton at sunrise after a rainy night.

This was my experience recently. The rain-washed valley in the morning sun is a memorable sight of green prairie, shimmering trees, and the blue, blue sky above. Then Edmonton, sprawling along the banks of the Saskatchewan, like an Alberta Venice.

Here things are happening that have nothing to do with oil, or being "the gateway to the North" and the cross-roads to the world. Things that have to do with just people.

For Edmonton is as people con-scious as it is oil conscious, and so it wasn't surprising that the Edmonton branch of the Canadian Women's Press Club had arranged a visit to the Charles Camsell Indian Hospital as a feature of the CWPC convention being held in that city.

Here we found a wonderful display of handicrafts. The carving in wood and stone was done by the Eskimo patients; the beadwork, leather tool-

ing and painting by the Indians.

Camsell is mainly for TB patients, but it also takes in others. The handicrafts are the occupational therapy provided by the hospital and are a source of spending money for the patients as well as a means of healing.

I was particularly interested in the

beadwork as Pve always wanted to staff or the patients. Both publica-learn to do it. The beaded belts on tions are available to the public, and display were magnificent. Purses, can also be ordered by mail. little lapel pins, moccasins and fringed buckskin coats were all beautifuly done.

I was surprised that the Indian patients did so much painting. A display of painted trays was especially attractive and I learned that some of the designs of their work were original.

Pat Yellow Bird, Artist

The tooled leather coin purse that appealed to me was made by Pat Yellow Bird. "You'd just wonder how he could ever do it," the instructor told me. For Pat is sadly crippled with arthritis. But often as I examined the different articles, the instructor would say, "Pat designed that." Or "Pat painted that." I began to want to meet this person who refused to let arthritis beat him.

When I bought the coin purse a present for myself, a kind of talisman to ward off discouragement over my own arthritis - I expressed my wish to meet Pat.

"Well now, perhaps that could be arranged," said Mrs. Adams, the instructor. So I was taken down to the ward to meet Pat Yellow Bird. Stretched out on his white hospital bed, he smiled up at me as he explained that he had been at Camsell Yes, he was getting for six years. better, he said.

I noticed his crippled hands, and wondered that he could do the careful lacing required for putting that purse together. Then I found the answer in his bright, shining eyes, full of hope and courage and with a glint of youthful merriment in them, for Pat is a very young man.

But six years is a very long time!

I met the other boys in the ward. One was in a wheel chair. He was recovering from polio. Another, in bandages, had been in a car accident. All kinds of things had happened to these boys. But Camsell was putting them all on the road to health.

The TB patients are in a separate wing of the hospital. Mrs. Adams described the care taken to keep the whole hospital "disinfected" and 'sterilized" so that it was safe from TB germs.

There are about 400 patients at Camsell, a Federal hospital. Mrs. Adams instructs 182 of them. She took me to the supply room and showed me the work done by the patients. The articles can be bought at any time. You can even order them by mail, which I was especially glad to hear as I couldn't carry home in my luggage nearly all I wanted to buy.

Eskimo Patients

I was delighted to be shown other parts of the hospital. The wards where bright-eyed Eskimo children in hospital garb were playing at their own kind of games; the treatment room with all its gadgets, and its pool for therapy; the staff quarters, and especially the Catholic and Anglican chapels. I mentioned how nice it was to have these right in the building, Mrs. Adams said they were used a very great deal. "Religion means so much to these people," she commented.

Each of these press club members was given a copy of The Camsell Arrow for March and April, 1956. This is a publication that comes out regularly, and besides it, there is the Annual that can be had for one dollar.

These publications tell the story of

I was happy to learn that Camsell is to be enlarged. The need for more space is urgent. An hour spent there will convince anyone of this and of the excellent work being done by the staff. An informative bulletin called "An Indian Hospital" is put out by the Indian and Northern Health Services, Department of National Health and Welfare, (Ottawa). It describes the care given a patient and the help to rehabilitate him when he is recovered. Everyone should read this bulletin for most of us know far too little about this great work.

No doubt there are other hospitals like Camsell in other parts of Canada that are doing similar great work about which most of us know nothing at all! But I was especially glad that Camsell is located in Edmonton, that beauty-ridden city with a kind heart. That magic city that seems to have sprung from the good soil of Alberta almost overnight. It is most fitting that Camsell should be situated at 'The Gateway of the North."

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think seriously about the "ten dollar homesteads" available out that way.

Winnipeg's only tangible reminder of that historic shipment of wheat is a bronze plaque hanging in the hall-way of the Legislative Buildings, close to the entrance of the office of the Minister of Agriculture. When the Canadian Seed Growers' Association. met in annual convention at Winnipeg in June, 1932, the loading of the first wheat was re-enacted and a suitable bronze plate fixed upon a huge boulder at the river-bank site of the old McMillan Mill was unveiled with appropriate ceremony. But on two occasions, the metal plate was destroyed by river-bank frequenters with more of mischief than sentiment. Wisely, the third plaque was placed where it could not be attacked by vandals. And the great stone to which the original metal plaque was secured is now buried beneath the new dike built to keep Old Man River in his

Increasing Production

After the humble beginning of 1876, western wheat sprang into commer-cial prominence more dramatically than anyone could have anticipated. Homesteaders flocked to the West and production began to pyramid. Twentyfive years after 1876, the West produced 63 million bushels of wheat; another 25 years and the production was 380 millions and still another 25 years would bring us to the recent year of 1951 with its production of over half a billion bushels of wheat, to say nothing of coarse grains and other crops.

They were 80 years of ups and downs, triumphs and failures for the wheat growers. Nobody would deny that. Perhaps it's another chapter the years of drought and rust and ruinous prices — but it all tends to make the story of wheat in these midwestern provinces one of the best that can be told. And today, though the problem of surplus confronts growers and marketing institutions, the world need for bread is undiminshed and western soil has demonstrated once again its capacity to produce abundantly. Wheat has some new part-ners in western industry. That's good; but the importance of wheat is not lessened on that account.

It is to be hoped that if there is not a half holiday on October 21st, at least the boys and girls in schools across this land will be reminded on Camsell and the work being done that date or thereabout of the great there. Some of the articles are by the story of western wheat.



The Red Man's Country

Great Lakes west to the Rocky Mountains, and from the United States border on the south to the far reaches of the north. The Indians held undisputed possession, administering their own form of government and their own councils. The country was divided up and each tribe was allotted a certain portion for hunting purposes.

When the Hudson's Bay Company established posts in the West, it was quite happy to have the West remain the Red Man's country. No doubt Sir Geo. Simpson, head of the Company, had this in mind when he reported the Canadian North-West as a country frozen over nine months of the year, a country where no one could live except Indians and wild animals, altogether unsuited to agriculture. For the first few years the company denied themselves the luxury of a garden at the posts, for fear results might discredit Simpson's report.

The early explorers and distinguished visitors to the country, the Marquis of Lorne in 1881 and Lord Landsdowne in 1885, paved their way into the Red Man's country with gifts of appeasement. When the North West Mounted Police were preparing to come into Indian territory in 1874, Rev. John McDougall was appointed by the Government to visit the Indian tribes and prepare them for the coming of the Police. He took with him peace-offering gifts, to the value of \$2,500, the amount donated by the Hudson's Bay Co. and the govern-

When the early missionaries came West, they brought no material gifts; but they brought the greater gift of the Gospel. In 1838 Fathers Blanchet and Demers travelled from the Great Lakes to what is now the Edmonton district, thence to the far north, seeking out suitable sites for future missionary endeavour. On their way north, they planted a huge wooden cross where the Alberta Parliament buildings now stand. In 1840, Rev. Jas. Evans and Rev. Rundle started their missionary work at Nelson House and from there journeyed West, teaching and preaching until they reached what is now Alberta, where they remained to carry on missionary work.

Smallpox Scourge

Everywhere the misionaries were welcomed by the Indians, except in Blackfoot territory. The Blackfoot Confederacy held all the territory from the Red Deer river on the north to the United States border on the south, east to the Cypress Hills and west to the foothills of the Rockies. During the terrible scourge of smallpox in the winter of 1869-70, many Indian tribes were laid low, the Blackfoot tribe being particularly hard hit. The McDougalls, father and son, and Father Lacombe worked unceasingly, to try to relieve the suffering, tending the sick, comfort-ing the bereaved and burying the dead with their improvised wooden shovels.

The Blackfoot Indians found that the wiles of the witch doctor or the chanting of the Medicine Man were not enough to cope with the dread disease, and in desperation Chief Crowfoot hastened north and sought the aid of Father Lacombe. From that time on he was a frequent visitor in Blackfoot territory, and after the signing of the treaty, missionaries were allowed to take up residence on

Peaceable Transition

The Canadian North West owes a NOT so many years ago, the Red missionaries, for they paved the way Man's country extended from the for the coming of white men. On the there was American side, slaughter as settlers went into the Red Man's country, because they came before the missionaries. Canadian side, there was only one known case, that of some German immigrants slaughtered at Cypress Hills. The missionaries taught the Indians respect for white men and white men's laws, and the saving influence of the Gospel. In 1870, when the first Reil Rebellion was brewing and the young bucks were holding a council to make plans to drive the White men from the country, Old Stephen, a convert of Rundle's said to them, in part: "Has it never come to your minds that this big country we live in is almost empty of men, that one may travel many nights between the dwellings and tents of men and not see a human being. Do you think this can continue? Were not these broad plains and great hills, this fertile soil, rich grass, the many trees made to be used for the good of the Great Father's children? I am not selfish enough to think that all this big land was made for me and my people only. I seem to see great multitudes occupying where I have roamed alone, and the Great Spirit has sent his servants to prepare us for its coming."

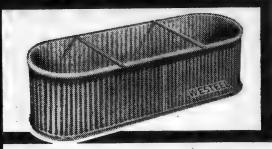


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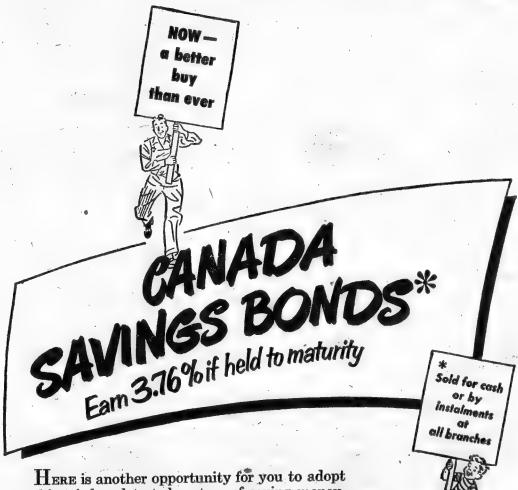
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Announcement-

By The PRESIDENT

ELNORA, Alberta, September 9, 1956.

In the Directors' report to the Annual Meeting held in Alix last June it was stated that the Board were endeavoring to negotiate with a widely read Alberta Farm Journal to become our new medium of publicity. And at our Annual Meeting the following resolution was moved by Delegate Cecil Dick and seconded by W. P. Duncan, "Whereas the Central Alberta Dairy Pool has no official paper this meeting go on record as favoring our Board of Directors to check into having some publicity medium." Carried.

I am pleased to say your Board has completed negotiations with The Farm and Ranch Review, Calgary, to become the official medium of publicity for Central Alberta Dairy Pool for a period one year with further renewals if thought in the best interests of both parties.

Commencing with this issue The Farm and Ranch Review will be sent to all Pool Members who are not at present subscribers to that

paper.

We trust you will get your issue regularly and that it will serve a useful purpose to yourself and our organization.

Yours fraternally,
J. A. WOOD, President,
Central Alberta Dairy Pool,

Know Your Own Business

As our President, in his message has pointed out, it was the wish of our members expressed through the medium of the resolution put to the last annual meeting and passed, that our organization resume a publicity medium whereby the activities of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool can be brought to the attention of its membership regularly. A true co-operative such as ours should have an informed membership. Such a medium as we have once again is a practical and pleasant way of achieving this end.

Once a month you will receive the Farm and Ranch Review which has been a welcome friend in many of our farm homes for over half a century and we are pleased that it will now reach more families through the addition of our membership to its mailing list.

Since we last had the pleasure of writing to our members, many more farm families have become associated with the Central Alberta Dairy Pool as members, especially so in the southern part of the province and it is our purpose in this and succeeding issues to explain to our new friends the way this Dairy Co-operative is set up and operated.

Ve mentioned earlier that this is a true co-operative by which we mean that it is owned by its members and operated on their behalf by a board of Directors who are elected annually at the annual meeting by delegates elected by the membership at large. The Directors are assisted by a General Manager who carries out the policy laid down by the board of directors and is responsible to them for the efficient conduct of the business.

In simple terms it boils down to this: that producers of farm products such as milk, cream, eggs, poultry and honey are in business for themselves. They produce and sell to the consumer their own products. They own their own manufacturing plants and marketing facilities and share the surplus earnings after costs of manufacturing and selling are deducted. The surplus earnings or profit, are distributed yearly by way of patronage dividends, known as Final Pay-

METHOD OF HANDLING FINAL PAYMENTS Our principle of operations is that all members are paid market prices for their products delivered to our organiza-tion which undertakes to handle, process and sell them. Any amounts of money that are credited to your equity account are your proportion of the surplus earnings that have been produced by the operation of your organization of which you are a member and part owner. Of necessity each member's extra earnings credited to his account must stay in the business for some time to supply funds to own the properties and run the various businesses. There are no Shareholders in our organization, you are not asked or required to pay for a share. Our working capital is supplied by your share of the surplus earnings which are retained for a period of time. The method and time of the payments of members' equities will be explained in our next issue.

Welcome To New Readers

WELCOME is extended to some Rocky Mountain House and Stettler. seven thousand members of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool who will receive The Farm and Ranch Review commencing with this issue. There are about 12,000 members of this big dairy co-operative and the balance are regular subscribers. Going over the membership lists and comparing the same with the Farm and Ranch Review's subscription list is a long and tedious process. If a few members are missed with this issue they will be included in the November issue.

The Central Alberta Dairy Pool is an outstanding successful dairy cooperative. It has been gaining in prestige among dairy farmers and in business circles for many years. It operates plants at Acme, Alix, Bent-Bluffton, Brooks, Calgary, Coronation, Delburne, Eckville, Edberg, to be helpful in assisting in the further Elnora, Hanna, Lethbridge, Neapolis, progress of this growing producers' Olds, Ponoka, Red Deer, Rimbey, enterprise.

At the big plant in Red Deer city production and distribution include Alpha evaporated milk, Alpha butter, buttermilk powder, Farmgold eggs, Farmgold whole and eviscerated poultry, Farmgold canned chicken and

turkey.
Fluid milk and cream have a wide distribution by the CADP. Also a fine grade of honey.

The directors of the organization: James A. Wood, of Elnora, chairman; John Stone, of Alix; J. A. Ross, of Duhamel; J. B. Bradley, of Lacombe; Fred Domoney, of Pennold; A. W. Green, of Byemoor; Don S. Ross, of George Church, of Balzac; Eagon Jacobsen, of Coaldale.

E. A. Johnstone is general manager. The Farm and Ranch Review hopes to be helpful in assisting in the further

Dairy Pool Butter Tops At National

A lent creamery butter. Over half third with identical scores of 98. of the first prizes for butter exhibits In the 10 1-lb. prints, salted, the at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto were won by Alberta exhibits.

The Central Alberta Dairy Pool was outstandingly successful in winning awards. Its Stettler plant won the silver trophy for highest scoring butter on exhibition with a score of 98.5, and also two silver medals for standing highest in June and July entries.

The Ponoka plant of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool won the silver medal for having the highest score for prints, salted, with a score of 98.3.

In the creamery butter solids, 14ib. box, made during July, the Stettler plant was first with a score of 93.3, ciate.

A LBERTA must produce very excel- and the Ponoka and Eckville plants

Central Alberta Pool plant at Ponoka was first with a score of 98.3, and the Eckville plant third with 98.

In the solids 14-lb. box made during June the Stettler plant topped the list with a score of 98.5 and the Ponoka plant had 98, in the group of firstprize winners.

In the second-prize group the Rimbey plant had a score of 97.8, and the Eckville plant 97.6.

The winning of the awards demonstrates the high quality of creamery butter produced by the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, a fact that all Alberta butter consumers should appre-

Fraser Valley Dairy Prospects

THE population of the Fraser Valley in British Columbia, including the city of Vancouver, is expected to reach 1,375,000 by 1975, or an increase of 625,000 over present figures.

This trend will require increased milk output by Fraser Valley dairy farmers. F. C. Clark, livestock inspector for the B. C. department of agriculture, estimates that milk requirements in 1975 may run as high as 752,000,000 lbs. a year, provided 50%is utilized in milk manufacturing. In 1954 milk production was 417,000,000 lbs. and 56%, or 233,000,000 lbs., was made into butter, evaporated milk, powdered milk, ice cream, cheese, cottage cheese, etc. The fluid milk cottage cheese, etc. The fluid milk represented only 44% of the milk produced, average consumption being 1/2 a pint a day per capita per annum.

The current number of milk cows in the valley is around 56.000, according to Mr. Clark. The acreage in hay land and pasture is 200,000. While growth of cities is taking in more farm land there is still available for expansion an area of some 200,000 acres of which from 30,000 to 40,000 may be termed good, 100,000 acres fair, and the balance poor land.

Through improvement in dairy herds and increase of production to an average of 8,140 lbs. of 4.3% butterfat, Mr. Clark believes that it will not be necessary to increase herd numbers to any great extent.

Drink Milk For Health

WHILE the dairy branch of agriculture may not receive the amount of publicity that is given to the production of grain and meat animals, the milk cow occupies an important position in Canada's economy.

dollar industry and provides a livelihood for 17% of the nation's population. There are about 3,312,000 cows in Canada, or about one for every five Canadians. The total milk supply last year was 17½ billion pounds, the highest on record and a gain of 2% over the previous year's production. What should interest every family is that there is always an abundant supply of milk, the most complete food for the human race.

A nation which does not have an abundant supply of milk will surely produce a scrawny, puny generation. Where there is an abundance of milk and children are encouraged to use it freely, they will grow up to be strong, healthy, energetic men and women. Milk builds bone and muscle and good health. Healthy children are usually intelligent children.

Each child should drink a quart of milk a day and each adult a pint. Older people need milk to maintain bone structure and healthy bodies. But milk is vitally necessary for chil-

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How To Handle Manure

SOME farmers lose as much as \$100 per month during the barn-feeding season because they do not handle manure correctly. This is the claim of G. R. Snyder, supervisor of the farm advisory service of the C-I-L agricultural chemicals division. In his estimation, manure losses in Canada average 30 per cent and, on many farms, exceed 50 per cent.

Mr. Snyder explains that a ton of mixed manure contains about 10 pounds of nitrogen, five pounds of phosphorus and 10 pounds of potash. In addition, it carries 500 pounds of organic matter and some essential spruce can be transplanted easily and minor elements such as iron, copper, manganese and magnesium.

Value of manure is lost when the liquid portion is drained away under badly constructed barn floors, washed away by rain when manure is piled up outdoors or by evaporation. This portion contains about 5 per cent of the nitrogen, 60 per cent of the potash (more in cow manure), and a small part of the phosphorus.

For efficient utilization of their barn manure, Mr. Snyder suggests the following rules for farmers to follow:

Install a concrete floor in the barn

to prevent leakage losses of the liquid portion.

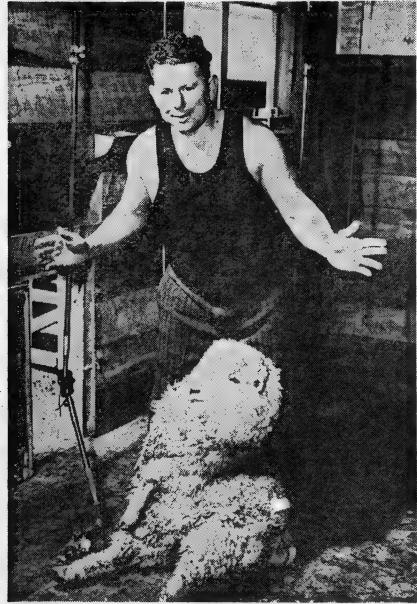
Use chopped straw as bedding ma-rial. It soaks up five times its weight in liquid manure.

Spread 20 per cent stable superphosphate in the gutters every day after cleaning the barn -- usually about 1½ pounds per animal. This adds phosphate, soaks up any liquid the straw fails to get, keeps nitrogen from changing into ammonia and escaping into the air, and makes the manure a better balanced fertilizer.

Evergreen trees such as pine and safely in the autumn. The roots should be wrapped in a ball of earth while being transplanted. Heavy watering will give the transplanted trees good stardt.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture believes that there will be a place for some time to come for substantial numbers of immigrant farm workers. A well-administered program for assisted passage will assure that most persons representing themselves as farm workers will have the minimum necessary experience in this field, says the C.F.A.

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For a number of years Godfrey Bowen was world's champion sheep and dressed in loose-fitting clothes

shearer, but his brother, Ivan, finally dethroned him by shearing 457 sheep in a single day.

The Owen method is to catch the sheep by the neck and walk it up to the shearing machine. With the sheep in a relaxed position, Bowen goes to work with easy, gliding blows or strokes The shearer must be relaxed

Makers Of Macaroni

CATELLI Food Products with plants at Lethbridge, St. Thomas and Montreal, utilize 1,200,000 bushels of durum wheat a year and thus provide saleable market for that cereal. whose production has increased substantially in recent years. The outturn of the factories is a million pounds of macaroni a week and the firm is the largest manufacturer of alimentary pastes in the British Commonwealth.

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While macaroni has been considered as mainly an Italian food, it is bought and relished by peoples of many nations. It is one of the oldest of foods known to civilization, and is six times richer in proteins than potatoes, but the starch content is extremely low, so that it is not fattening. Canadians consume about 100,000,000 lbs. of macaroni annually and the demand is increasing.

Durum wheat produced in Canada is about the finest in the world so that there is a good demand for Canadian No. 1 Amber type in export markets. The price durum has brought to producers in the past year or so has been away above that of northern varieties of wheat.

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History Of Dairying In The Prairie Provinces

By MIRIAM GREEN ELLIS

CREAM separators in every farm kitchen or milk house are so much a part of the furniture these days that one is surprised to find that sixty years ago prairie people were being coaxed to try them out.

The first centrifugal cream separator to come to the prairies brought in by Hon. Walter Clifford of Austin, Manitoba, in 1885. It was made in Sweden. This was such a novel event that the Manitoba legislature closed down for the day, hitched up their horses and buggies and drove out to see the contraption. The legislators were not too impressed. Some thought it might work; others said they would stick to the old method of setting the milk in shallow pans and let the cream rise of its own free will. Mr. Clifford had twenty cows and the separator was driven by a 3 h.p. engine. Separators had been introduced into the east some three years before.

In those days the butter was all made in farm kitchens. Until 1914 up to 200 cars of butter were brought in from the east each year to supply the prairies. In 1882 the first cheese factory was opened at Stonewall, Manitoba. In 1885 the first butter factory started at St. Francois Xavier and another at Turtle Mountain. In 1888 the first cheese factory in the Territories was started at Springbank, west of Calgary.

The Manitoba Dairy Association was formed in 1885 with Wm. Wagner, M.P.P., president. By 1890 there were five centrifugal creameries in Manitoba and some butter was shipped to Japan.

The Territories wanted to keep up with the Jones. Legislation permitting the organization of the Dairymen's Association of the North-West Territories was passed in 1891 and the next year a meeting was held in Regina at which A. C. Thorburn, of Broadview, was made president. This association seems to have faded away for a few/years. Their proposal far a large co-operative creamery at Moose Jaw with branch separating stations did not meet the wholehearted approval of Professor J. W. Robertson, Dominion commissioner of agriculture and dairying. He suggested small local co-operative creameries in centres where there was an assured supply of milk and where farmers could deliver their milk every morning and take home the skim milk for calves and pigs.

However, the creamery at Moose Jaw was set up later and it is recorded that Mr. Robertson on behalf of the Dominion Government operated this plant. It was built and owned by the farmers and rented to the government.

Under the Watson plan, creameries would be subject to quasi-government control such as power to dismiss a buttermaker if the Dominion or territorial inspector should report him as not making a first-class article.

The North-West assembly would be asked to advance \$10,000 a year for three years to assist in erecting these creameries and placing them under thorough government inspection.

Officers in 1896 of the Dairymen's Association of the North-West Territories were E. N. Hopkins, Moose Jaw; J. L. Dill, M.L.A., Wolseley; W. Watson, Moose Jaw; J. W. Jowett, Re-

A program of meetings was set up and Messrs. Watson and Hopkins attended and spoke at them all. Eyebrows were raised as Mr. Watson presumed that it would only be a matter of time before every patron fits from the dairy and the idea that would have a separator of his own roots could not be kept through the and send only his cream to the winter was a fallacy. creamery.

The exhibit of butter at the territorial exhibition that year was a credit to the territories, said Mr. Watson; there were nearly 600 entries. He was probably referring to the quantity, not the quality, for in every speech he deprecated the poor and for this he blamed the conditions under which the butter was made at home and the way it was handled at the stores where it was taken in to exchange for goods.

Most of the cattle in the country were grades of Shorthorn persuasion, but there was much discussion over breeds. A Galloway fancier maintained that good Galloway hides were destined at no distant date to take the place of buffalo robes. The cattle did not produce much milk, he admitted, but it was rich. Their rugged constitution and mossy undercoating fitted them for a country where it was doubtful if the Durham or Hereford



Swift Current in 1895.

The price for both butter and goods would more than hold their own. The poor, he said. Butter was traded for goods with a 20% mark-up. This did not apply to sugar and flour, which had to be paid for in cash.

Then, said Mr. Watson, the merchant "mixed and muddled" the butter, in the hope that the preponderance of good butter would help sell the poor. Home dairying had reached an unendurable climax.

Research had shown that Manitoba had lost \$90,000 a year through defare, fects in her home dairy system, and the loss to the Dominion would reach a million dollars, he said.

One of Mr. Watson's arguments was that no loan company in the Dominion would loan money to a cheese factory or creamery either in Manitoba or the North-West, hence the necessity for government grants, also the C.P.R. should put some of its immigration funds into the pot.

From one of his speeches we quote: Throughout vast areas we have neither woods, nor mines nor fisheries to give us a lift when crops fall or tide us over a rainy day." Hence the need for creameries and government grants.

Old-Time Dairy Cows

Angus Mackay, superintendent of the Experimental Farm at Indian Head, was a speaker at some of these meetings, stressing the importance of selective breeding. In his opinion the best animal for the Territories was a cross betwen two or more breeds. A good dual-purpose animal could be the product of an Ayrshire bull and Shorthorn cow, or Holstein-Shorthorn cross. But good feed and shelter were important. Many people believed that proper food for the dairy cow could not be grown in the North-West Territories, but this was entirely wrong, said Mr. Mackay. In June and July the native grass was at its best but meal should be fed to milk cows every day no matter how good

was set by the merchant. It was not West Highland had been introduced worth a woman's effort to make good into the country; it was also a grand butter when it brought no more than rustler, but too wild for a dairy breed.

The Aberdeen-Angus was probably the best known but, like the Durham, had been reared under too tender conditions. The Devon and Sussex closely resembled each other, were grand rustlers, produced choice beef, were good milkers and the best of oxen.

The Jerseys were good milkers but useless for beef and were not adapted to Saskatchewan ,as they had a delicate constitution and required dainty

The Ayrshire was better adapted and crossed well with the beef breeds. Some settlers from Dakota had brought in Holsteins, but as they had not been followed by any later importations, he concluded they had not been too satisfactory. He also advocated the "native" breed and by this he did not mean "scrub".

However, at the end of a Prince Albert meting, they decided it would be better to stick to the Shorthorns. One speaker recommended that a dairy calf should not be allowed to suck.

The Trials of Dairying

The use of Austrian brome grass was strongly advocated. It withstood both drouth and winter killing and came on early. Angus Mackay had some fields of it at Indian Head.

The missionary, Archdeacon Mc-Kay, told of red clover two hundred miles north of Churchill. Timothy in Saskatchewan was conceded to be a

At a Maple Creek meeting the boys went all out to proclaim it as a dairy country extraordinary. They admitted it was also a ranching country. There was superb natural grass in great abundance and its analysis showed it to contain more nutrition than any kind of cultivated grass. Hay was plentiful and inexpensive. Scientific tests had shown that the the grass. Roots increased the pro- milk was the best that had been testnumerous that it was seldom necessary to dig for water; contagious diseases were scarcely known: the grass, dried by the chinook winds, was available all winter. However, admitted that distance from market was a drawback, also grain and roots could not be successfully grown and freight rates were too high to bring in grain from Manitoba. much for Maple Creek.

Lack of buildings was a great drawback everywhere, and it was said, no woman could be expected to produce good butter in tumbledown shacks or filthy dugouts. And how could one expect butter to keep, if stored in a cellar with onions and rotting potatoes, or left in the sun at a railway station!

Damping all the enthusiasm of the earlier speakers, came the grouches: many of them did not like the drudgery of milking cows. They had left Ontario to get rid of that. In rebuttal some speakers spoke of the quicker returns from dairying, but Rev. Mr. Laidlaw raised the point of danger of glutting the market.

It was argued that cream could be hauled safely for 25 to 30 miles on spring wagons, or 150 miles if there happened to be a railroad handy. The limit for taking whole milk to a cheese factory was 8 to 10 miles.

Production of more milk, beef, pigs, would reduce the amount of wheat and grain which had to be shipped Freight rates were a serious problem then as now.

A carload of wheat in 1895-96 at 40c a bushel brought the farmer \$267; freight to Montreal \$200, or about 75% of its value; a carload of barley or oats at 15c a bushel, \$175, freight Montreal \$200, or 125% of its value. On a carload of cheese at 10c a pound, freight to Montreal was 12% of its value, butter at 20c a pound cost 6% of its value for freight by the carload.

The tour continued to Calgary where the Crescent Creamery, the largest in Canada, was operating. Bonussed by the city with a grant of \$5,000, it was then under Dominion government control. There was storage for 10 carloads of butter. Cream separators and skimming stations at various points sent in their cream to this central station and the aim of the promoters was to handle all the cream from the whole of Alberta.

Early Dairying In Alberta

One newcomer saw no profitable future for grain growing or general farming in Alberta, but costs of milk production were low. In the eastern states or provinces the cost of a dairy cow averaged \$30 a year; in Alberta the estimated cost, with the low price of grain was \$5 to \$10 and often as low as \$3.

An Edmonton meeting was chaired by Matt McCauley, M.L.A., and among the speakers was Frank Oliver, member of the Northwest Executive. Mr. Oliver, speaking only for himself, said he agreed with the principle of giving financial aid to creameries as to other industrial enterprises where there was reasonable probability of public benefit, but he was distinctly opposed to the principle of government management. The meeting endorsed the principle of govern-ment aid and the discussion went on to midnight, but Mr. Oliver was not moved from his stand against government management.

Then the delegates took a little whirl into the south. The visit to Macleod was attended with some difficulty as the town was three miles from the station and the train only stopped two hours before commencing the return journey, but they managed to put through an endorsing resolu-

ed to date; natural springs were so tion for government aid for creamer-

In February, 1897, the third annual convention of the Dairymen's Association of the North-west Territories was held in Regina when the special speaker was the Dominion Dairy Commissioner, Prof. J. W. Robertson. He said that the association was of great benefit in his work. Only the citizens could create wealth, he said, no government could do it. In 1895, Manitoba alone had raised 60,000,000 bushels of grain. "That was immense wealth." Grain and cattle together made a profitable farm, he said.

Government Assistance Scheme

To secure government assistance, a district must guarantee the milk of more than 400 cows, and provide buildings and water. The farmers would form a joint stock company to put up the building; the government would lend money to place the plant and would pay 7% of the value of the building as rent. The government contracted to operate the factory for three years. A charge of 4c a pound would be made for manufacture and a charge of 1c a pound on account of the loan. As the latter charge was collected, paid up shares would be issued to the patrons. They had found this plan practicable at Moose Jaw and elsewhere.

Upon an output of 30 pounds a week, the saving in creamery manufacture would be 45c a week.

"Is that all a woman's time is worth?" demanded Mr. Robertson. In a new country nothing could be more disastrous than taking the time of a woman for drudgery. Her time should be given to assisting in the formation and establishment of proper customs and institutions in the new community.

In the government creameries established this year, he said, 10c per pound would be paid patrons monthly

The Dominion government continued its administrative assistance to territorial creameries till the new provinces were set up and organized their provincial dairy branches. the creameries were formally turned over to them.

Names that are very close to the development of the dairy industry in the prairie provinces, apart from Mr. Robertson are W. A. Wilson, followed by P. E. Reed in Saskatchewan, and Lorne A. Gibson, who became dairy commissioner of Manitoba in 1917, following a number of short-term commissioners. The records show that in 1914 the Manitoba department of agriculture commenced grading creamery butter with L. A. Gibson as butter grader.

A powerful help in leading the western dairy industry upward and onward was Dr. E. Cora Hind, agricultural and commercial editor of the Manitoba Free Press. This was particularly true of Manitoba where she acted as secretary from 1896 to 1901, and she was no mere keeper of the records. She spoke out loud at the promotion meetings and shortly after her election as secretary, she started the first system of weekly market reports to the creameries and cheese factories.

The men most responsible for the Canadian dairy industry were devoted to the cause, and in nearly all cases they were practical cheesemakers, or buttermakers. Dr. J. W. Robertson who set the whole pattern was professor of dairying at Guelph when he was appointed Dairy Commissioner for Canada, and from which he went on to the principalship of Macdonald College in 1905. His successor, Dr. J. A Ruddick, also a cheesemaker, retired in 1932 and the work carried on under his long time assistant, J. Frank Singleton. It was like a royal dvnastv.

Important to dairying from Prince Edward Island to British Columbia was Chris. P. Marker. He joined the dairy branch under Dr. Robertson in 1895, taking temporary charge of the creamery at Moose Jaw. He helped organize the first creamery on Vancouver Island at Duncan and helped

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BERT T. SMITH

THIS is a short article about the cowboy and could quite likely apply to most of them for their work does not vary any too much.

The cowpuncher has a weather-beaten face that has withstood many a dust and snow storm, and has felt the extremes of both hot and cold weather.

While on a saddle horse — where the cowhand is very much at home, he is literally part of that horse for they both move in unison together.

If the cowhand smokes, he usually rolls his own cigarettes, turning out an unusually fine job, considering his hands are so rawboned and rugged.

The ordinary cowboy's life is none too glamorous for he goes about his day's work much as would any other ordnary working man. The only difference is that the cowhand's life is centered around horses and cattle.

The cowboy usually rises early each morning, rain or shine, and first goes out and attends to his saddle horse (or the saddle horses). If he has any riding to do for that day he will put his saddle on his horse and then go in to the cookhouse for a good, hearty breakfast. If there is no cook on the place, he has to prepare his own meal.

Once in a great while you might see a cowhand sitting down in front of his horse having "time out", although more often you will see him in the saddle where he is supposed to

be. He could be looking over a certain bunch of cattle or he just might be working them.

In the summertime, there are usually no end of rodeos and the cowboy occasionally enters in one or so of the events being held, not necessarily to win money but more because of his liking for riding, roping, or one of the other events in which he can enter in.

When branding time rolls around a short time later, the cowhand is in his full glory, for he most likely will be able to practice up on his roping or will be able to do one of the many other jobs tied in with branding.

Sometimes, at these brandings, a chuckwagon is on hand and when mealtime comes, the cowhand then heads in to have a good, big feed.

In the cow country, when night comes on, the cowboy will quite often get together with the other hands in the bunkhouse for a game of cards— or they just may sit and "shoot the bull!

The cowpuncher most likely will be crawling into bed before too late to rest his weary bones for the next day.

The cowboy's life, most certainly, contains very little "fanfare" or "bugle blowing", but it is a clean and healthy life, being a pardner to the wind and sun!

Australia's population at March 31 this year was estimated at 9,377,253 people. This is shown in figures released on July 10.

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in the construction of Prince Edward Island creameries.

In 1897 he was placed in charge of the Alberta creameries and when the province was organized in 1906 he became the first Dairy Commissioner and was also professor of dairying at the University. He was a great factor in developing grading stand-ards in milk, cream, butter. He retired in 1934.

P. E. Reed, another long-time factor in prairie dairying, took over as dairy commissioner of Saskatchewan in 1918, after having been engaged in extension work for the University of Saskatchewan and as dairy inspector. Mr. Reed took great pride in keeping the various branches of the industry working together.

Prices have gone up and down. In 1896 the average wholesale price of butter in Montreal was 16 ½ c. In 1906 it was 21c, in 1916 it was 28%c. During the war it soared to 56%c, and then dropped to 20 1/2 c in 1931.

During the Second World War it went to 58c again and that is the price of June butter in 1956.

Those who said there were no forests, no minerals or fish, now see oil wells sprouting in their backyards and fish going through to New York by the carloads: \$56½ million worth

Today Manitoba has nearly 200,000 milk cows; Saskatchewan, 276,000; Alberta, 303,000. Total milk production on the prairies in 1953 was 3,726,571,000 pounds: 82,645,000 pounds creamery butter, about 10% as much dairy butter, 4 million pounds of cheddar cheese; 6 million gallons ice cream. Output of concentrated milk products in 1953 was approximately 440 million pounds. Pasteurization, sanitation, refrigeration, compulsory grading, increased popula-tion, milking machines, together with a few bad years, and an assist from the scientists, has been accountable for much of this buildup.

- TALL TALE

"I have the smartest dog in the world," said George Brown. "Soon after I got it my wife and I went out to do some shopping. On coming home we found the dog lying on the chesterfield, so I gave him a scolding. Next time I came home I found the dog on the floor, but, on finding the lounge warm, I gave him another scolding.

"I suppose that cured him?"

"Not exactly. You see the next time he was standing by the sofa blowing on it to cool it off."



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LIVESTOCK

In the first five months of this year cattle exports totalled only 6,300 head.

Abundance of algae in lake water has resulted in the death of livestock in Saskatchewan.

The quality of Canadian beef cattle is improving, according to the federal marketing service. For the first 5 months of 1956, out of a total kill of 777,000 head, 21.9% graded choice and 20.3% good, making a total of for the two top grades. In 1950, out of a total kill of 1,300,000 cattle only 16.7% reached the two top grades-6% choice, 10.7% good.

Over 60% of the cattle marketed in Canada come from the west which has only 30% of the population of the nation.

The Duke of Windsor's EP ranch in the Rocky Mountain foothills, southwest of High River, Alberta, will be stocked with British Herefords and Galloway cattle. A company will operate the venture, the purpose of which is to increase the sale of British breeds in Western Canada.

Copies of the beef testing performance testing policy adopted by the department of agriculture, Saskatchegovernment, are available on application thereto. Application forms are available from the Animal Indusbranch at Regina, or from livestock associations. All applications to enter tests next year must be received before Feb. 1, 1957.

U.S. CATTLE OUTLOOK
Reports from the United States intimate that cattle feeding profits should be better in the coming year than in either of the past two years. Cattle are expected to sell higher and feed costs will average no more.

Serious drouth forced stock selling from the Great Plains states, which resulted in slightly lower prices in August. Further drop in prices was predicted when the rush of grass fed cattle from the Northwest states reaches a peak. Buying of stockers in September and October was recommended. mended.

Good prices for fed cattle are anticipated well into November and probably into January. A weakening may develop as there were heavy shipments of stockers and feeders into Corn Belt states through June, July and August. This will bring July and .August. This will bring about a heavy build up of fat steers by February.

POULTRY POPULATION

THE poultry population on Canadian farms, according to an estimate made by the Dominion bureau of statistics, was 68,440,000 as at last June. That was an increase of 2,226,000 or 3% over the figures for June, 1955. Here are the figures:

Hens and chickens .. 4,014,000 Turkeys Geese 326,000 Ducks 68,440

Ontario leads all provinces in poul-try numbers with 20,845,000. Alberta was second with 11,160,000; Quebec, third with 10,531,000; Saskatchewan, fourth with 9,366,000; Manitoba, fifth with 7,720,000, and British Columbia, sixth with 4,751,000.

The turkey numbers increased by 677,000 from last year, but the numbers of geese declined in every province except Ontario and Quebec.



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SOME TIME ago I wrote an article about Florida's cattle for this magazine and after it appeared I had a number of letters asking me to tell something more about that land to the south.

It is not difficult to find something to write about for everything in that semi-tropical land is so different from what we have here on the prairies. Even the grass is not at all like the grass in this country. In fact, I can't recall having seen one plant that is native to Alberta growing down

An Albertan in Flo

By INA BRUNS, Lacombe, Alta-

the window of a North Star, and even from that height the landscape was different from anything I'd seen be-The country was surprisingly flat and low and it appeared to be either just rising out of, or sinking into, the water that surrounds it. We seemed to be flying beside or above one of the 30,000 lakes that dot the countryside most of the time: I could see fires burning on land that was being reclaimed. The grove-land under wings was an interesting geometric design stretching between the lakes.



Spanish moss hanging from tree in long veils.

Just seven hours after our TCA plane had left Toronto, we slanted downward and the tousled-headed palms seemed to lift lazily from the green earth to greet us. The sun poured down thick as honey. It sparkled on the Gulf of Mexico as our wheels touched earth and we Canadians, lugging fur coats and overshoes, stepped into the blazing sunlight. It just didn't seem possible that Alberta was buried in hip-deep snow that was being shifted about by a thirty-mile-an-hour wind the day I left Edmonton! It was thirty below at home and here the temperature was exactly 76 above and was to go higher during my February visit!

The earth was such a violent green and even before my sister arrived to drive me down the palm-lined streets, I had found flowers to admire, Everywhere I looked there were flowers! I gasped as we passed a tree covered with purple flowers that looked exactly like exotic orchids. Azaleas made great splashes of color against buildings and walls. Shrubs with brilliantly colored foliage grew everywhere. The Royal Palms stood like sculptured pillars with their long graceful trunks that flare outward midway up, and again at their unusual base. There were short corpulent looking palms and tall graceful ones with spreading fan-like fronds. Strange looking trees and shrubs bearing strange fruit and flowers were on all The air was sweet with a thousand fragrances.

"Wait until you see Cypress Gardens," my sister laughed as I hung out the car window peering after one startling sight after another.

Interesting Sights

trees growing in my sister's yard,

I got my first look at Florida from These punk or cajeput trees seem to be wrapped in layers and layers of soft velvet-like bark that one can strip away in great sheets. I was made hungry by the sausage trees that have seed pods that look just like giant sausages hanging in their branches. The flame vines that cover stately oaks with a veil of scarlet sent all tourists on the run for movie cameras.

> Tourists are always amazed to find they have hit the citrus season no matter when they visit Florida. They can see Hamlin oranges ripe from October to December, Valencia from March to July with other varieties ripening in between seasons. The five and a half million tourists are never disappointed by not seeing citrus orchards laden with fruit and fragrant with blossoms.

> The birds were another constant delight. Perhaps my most unforgettable moment came when we discovered a flocks of brilliant pink flamingos standing in the blue water. I am sure that these birds, once so plentiful, are one of the most magnificent sights in The lumbering pelicans, the colorful parrots and the sweet songs of the mocking-birds were all something to remember.

> But even Florida is not all beauty and productiveness. Always the people who plant there must wage the battle with the bugs. A frequent sight on the roads is the pest-exter-minator's truck. Houses, as well as gardens, must be fumigated regularly. If Florida does produce the largest grapefruits I have seen, she also boasts the largest cockroaches!

Floridans have one common plague with the prairie farmer. Strangely enough he fears frost perhaps even more than we do! Even though they have not had snow at Tampa in years, every garden had its smudge pots concealed behind the bushes — just in case. A frost in that country can It spoil years of labor.

> But interesting as the flora and fauna of that country may be, it is the sunshine - the beautiful golden sunshine that is most appreciated by the northern visitor. To be able to take off from our ice-cold land only to lighten the middle of what could be our warmest summer weather in midwinter, is indeed something one re-



I was amazed by the giant punk Author's daughter Kim under Florida palm tree.



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Along the Western Farm Front

of \$43 to \$35 a head caused a drop in the value of Alberta's hog production from \$87,595,000 in 1954 to \$72,131,- Payne, poultry commissioner with the 000 in 1955.

Nearly 5,000 orders for forage crop seed, received from Saskatchewan farmers and stockmen, were filled by the plant industry branch of the pro-vincial department of agriculture during the annual spring forage crop program.

The Kaira Co-operative dairy, in India, is the world's first buffalo milk factory. It was constructed by Danish hens can see to eat. engineers. Buffalo milk is twice as rich as cow's milk.

Pioneer Galaxy, owned by E. H. Pye, Penhold, has produced 113,819 lbs. milk, 4,669 lbs. fat in ten lactations. She was bred by A. L. Young, Brooks, Alberta.

Brome grass seed is likely to be in short supply because of the small crop this year. In Manitoba the departof agriculture advises a mixture of 5 lbs. of brome, 4 of meadow fescue and 3 of alfalfa in areas where moisture is usually abundant.

The average basement is not suitable for vegetable storing. The best plan is to make a small insulated and ventilated room. The Experimental Farm at Swift Current, Sask., will mail you free details of the construction of such a room.

Extensive hail storms and bad harvest weather have combined to cut the value of Manitoba's grain crop by 20%. Hail alone did \$20 million dam-Bad weather has lowered grades and caused general damage.

Federal price support of butter manufactured in Canada in 1954 cost \$5,422,152. The price support board \$5,422,152. held 50,190,509 lbs. purchased at 58c. Hospitals, nursing homes and such institutions were sold 6,700,000 lbs. at a rebate of 21c. Exports to Iron Curtain countries totalled 9,000,000 at prices ranging from 37c to 39c. The balance was sold at 58c, less a 2c handling charge. Last year the board purchased 62,990,606 lbs. at 58c.

A decrease in value from an average of their enterprise, are being supplied free of charge to poultry producers in Saskatchewan, according to F. E. provincial department of agriculture.

LIGHTING POULTRY HOUSES

Laying hens need from 13 to 14 light hours a day to keep in high production. Used in dark, winter mornings and late evenings lights will give best results.

A 60-watt bulb for every 200 square feet of floor space will provide enough The lights should be hung light. above feeders and waterers, so the

With the use of artificial lighting hens can be induced to boost egg production.

The use of an automatic timer switch will keep hens on a regular light schedule.

Watercress In Winter

WATERCRESS can be grown in pots in the wintertime, says Clee Williams in Organic Farming. Growing the plant from seeds is a slow process and not many seed houses carry the watercress seed. But the plants can be started from a bunch bought in a store. Sprigs will sprout in a glass of water, provided the water is changed every day.

The pots for replanting should be filled with earth and sifted wood hu-The plant has a preference for water that issues from limestone as it is a great devourer of calcium. pots should be placed in a tray filled with water, as the plants must be kept wet, and placed in a window in a cool, partially sun-lit spot.

Watercress is very rich in vitamin C, the average bunch containing 54 milligrams thereof, compared to 40 for a bunch of asparagus and 50 for tomato. The average bunch of watercress also contains 4,000 international units of A, while the minimum you need each day is 5,000.

Watercress has also a high content of iron and ranks with seaweed, sponges and sea water in its iodine content. Furthermore, it has a distinctive flavor which many people are

Watercress is a midget member of a large group, the clan cruciferae, or Poultry account books and hen-the mustard family, which includes house record cards, designed to help the turnip, cabbage, broccoli, cauli-flock owners keep a financial record flower, khol rabi ,etc.

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Winnifred May Swainson.



Stewart David Fraser.

FOR several years the Alberta Wheat Pool has awarded two scholarships of \$500 each annually to Alberta boys and girls to assist them to attend the University of Alberta for a period up to five years.

The scholarship selection committee of the University has now announced the winners for 1956. They are Winnifred May Swainson of Red Deer for the south, and Stewart David Fraser of Clyde for the north.

Miss Swainson is 17 years old and one of ten children of Mr. and Mrs. Swain Swainson, both natives of the Red Deer district. She took grades 1 to 8 in a rural one-roomed school, grade IX by correspondence and X to XII in Red Deer, Her grade XII

average mark was 86.5%. Winnifred was Campus Queen at the high school in 1955-56, secretary of the Students' class. She was delegate on a United Nations Pilgrimage to New York in 1955. She is a piano player and a regular Sunday School teacher. It is her intention to take the Arts and Science course at the University.

Stewart Fraser, born in Clyde, Alberta, age 18, is the eldest of five children. Both parents are also native Albertans. Stewart took his schooling up to grade X in Clyde and completed through grade XII in Westlock High School. He has been active in 4-H club work and is vice-president of the Westlock Beef Club. It is his intention to study agriculture at the University.

HAIL SUPPRESSION

The hail suppression operation which covered an area of some 300,000 acres in a rectangular block midway betwen Calgary and Red Deer, appears to have satisfied a good many farmers in the area. The cost of \$30,000 was raised among 800 farmers.

The Water Resources Development Corporation conducted the operation, using some 40 generators to project silver iodide particles into hail clouds. This procedure is calculated to diminish hail and create more water in the clouds, thus lessening any damage.

Last spring municipal district voters turned out a proposal to assess property for the cost of hail suppression. Two-thirds majority is required by the provincial act. The act also restricts another plebiscite for two years.

The test area got hail and a number of claims were made on the Alberta Hail Board therefrom. But the hail in the area was less damaging than the disasters wrought to crops outside the area.

It is likely that all farmers within the area will be canvassed next spring so that the campaign to suppress hail will continue for another year.

Canadian exports to Russia in the first six months of this year totalled \$18,000,000 in value, of which wheat brought \$17,000,000. In the first six months of last year Russia's purchases from Canada totalled in value only \$1,500,000.

George Amos, United Kingdom agricultural attache at Ottawa, on a recent tour of the west stated that Britain stayed out of the International Wheat Agreement because it is "unrealistic". He said the maximum price was too high in relation to the supply.

HARVESTING BARLEY

A large percentage of barley samples have been rejected for malting and pearling purposes because of peeled and broken kernels. This condition creates a loss of grade by government inspection, a loss of grade by government inspection, a loss of the privilege of a special permit to deliver a carlot over the regular quota, and loss of premium.

Every harvest only too many farmers lose money by not being extra careful in harvesting barley in good condition. Combine threshing should be conducted with the greatest care, as it seems to be mainly responsible for peeled and broken kernels.

U.S. SURPLUS FOOD DEALS

The United States government, through its Commodity Credit Corporation, is offering \$400,000,000 worth of surplus wheat, flour, rice and cotton to India, delivery to be made over a three-year period. Indian will pay at least \$100,000,000 less than the cost of the commodities to the Credit Corporation, and most of the money will be left in India to develop natural resources. Repayment will extend over at least 25 years. Interest is 3%, starting the fourth year.

Negotiations are proceeding with Brazil for the sale of \$100 million worth of U.S. wheat, to be delivered over a three-year period.

The Lacombe Experimental farm recommends reed canary grass for increased forage production. It has been equal to crested wheat grass in tests at that station. It is particularly adapted to areas subject to prolonged flooding as it will thrive in water for at least seven weeks. The forage is coarser than that of brome and stems often grow to 6 and 8 feet.

Farm Movement At The Crossroads

DURING the next few months some interesting developments are to expected in the farm movements Western Canada. The Farmers' Union in Manitoba is likely to be amalgamated with the Manitoba Federation of Agriculture. Pressure is being exerted in Alberta for the taking of a similar step. Saskatchewan is likely to follow on.

The original suggestion by Farmer Unions was that the Federations of Agriculture should amalgamate with them, that membership should be restricted to actual farmers, and farmer co-operatives should not be represented on the Unions, also that the Interprovincial Farm Union Council should absorb the Canadian Federation of Agriculture,

The Alberta Farmers' Union, under the leadership of President A. W. Platt, makes a different proposal. His suggestion is that a new national farm group be set up to act as a coordinating agency, and that all farm organizations be permitted to join. All the groups would be represented on provincial, regional and national councils. Mr. Platt states that the farmunions would have a dominant role in such an organization.

The Federation of Agriculture came into being about 21 years ago. It started out in British Columbia and provincial organizations were set up in the three prairie provinces, and then in the eastern provinces. In the various provinces different procedures were followed. In Alberta and Sas-katchewan there is no direct membership

In British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario and other eastern provinces, plans provided for farmer membership, as well as representation by other farm groups.

Farmer Unions' Origin

The Farmer Union movement was launched in the west when previous farmer organizations declined in strength and prestige through the depression of the early 1930's and the crushing defeat of the political wing of the United Farmers of Alberta. In Alberta the Farmers' Union swallowed up the U.F.A., mainly by consent. There has been more harmony among the farmer organizations in Alberta than in the other two prairie provinces.

In Saskatchewan the Farmers'
Union was launched as a radical
movement and made considerable progress under the presidency of J. Phelps, a former member of the C.C.F. cabinet in that province. From the start the Saskatchewan Union shows antagonism to the farmer cooperatives, and mainly the Wheat Pools. The Phelps claim was that the Federation of Agriculture did not represent the opinions of the "grass root" farmers. The Farmers' Union of Saskatchewan pulled out of the Federation:

In Manitoba Jake Schultz was the aggressive head of the Farmers' Union and he followed the lead of Mr. Phelps in battling the Manitoba Federation and Co-operation. James Patterson is now the president, The Union idea is to have the Federation and the Union tie in together with the co-operatives joining the Co-operative Union of Canada.

The Financial Problem

Finances are a big problem to both Federation and Farmers' Chris Hanson, who succeeded J. L. Phelps as president of the Saskatchewan Union, notified members a few weeks ago that the organization had a bank overdraft of around \$20,000 "But", he said, defensively, "I've got and needed financial help to carry on. friends."

The provincial unions have a constant struggle to carry out a comprehensive program and make both ends

The Federations are in better shape. They have the backing of the Wheat Pools and United Grain Growers Ltd., and also other co-operatives. The contributions go to the provincial organizations which, in turn, contribute to the Canadian Federation. The big grain handling co-ops. in the prairie provinces supply the largest percentage of the money.

The Canadian Federation has its head office in Ottawa. H. H. Hannam has been president for years. He is an Ontario man and is well liked in the east and also in Western Canada. Mr. Hannam has had wide experience. has excellent contacts and is a diplomatic president and adept at conciliation.

Dr. E. C. Hope, an economist of repute, is on the staff at Ottawa, and capably fills a position of importance, and one that has been neglected by Canadian farm organizations in the past.

But the Canadian Federation's operations are limited by lack of finances. The annual budget of around \$75,000 is entirely too meagre for the requirements of a national farmers' organization. About two-thirds of the money comes from the co-operatives and other farmer organizations in the prairie provinces.

The Alberta Plan

If the Farmer Unions of the West absorb the previncial federations, and the farmer co-operatives are left out in the cold, the question arises as to what will happen to the Canadian Federation; also whether or not, as Mr. Platt points out, the co-operatives will form an organization of their own. They might throw their strength behind the Canadian Cooperative Union.

Mr. Platt seemingly would like the co-ops. in with a national Farmers' Union, which would establish a degree of financial stability which otherwise would be difficult to achieve. Says Mr. Platt:

"No one is satisfied with the existing machinery. It is not doing the job that should be done and is creating disunity on the farm front. It is particularly unfortunate that, at a time when agriculture is in a crises, we have to take time and effort to perfect our organization rather than press for the things that would bring agriculture out of depression . . . This whole question is a most important one and Alberta might well take the lead in providing a solution. In considering the problems and possible solutions I hope all will look at them purely from the standpoint of what is good organization, and not from the standpoint of personalities or preconceived ideas. Emotion has no place in solving a problem of this magnitude."

The annual meetings of the Farmers' Unions and the Federation groups, which will be held within the next few months, have this hot problem to mull over and reach decisions.

NOT ENTIRELY ALONE

A mother was enrolling her sixyear-old son in grade 1. In filling in the required record the teacher asked: "Does he have brothers?"

"No."

"Does he have sisters?"

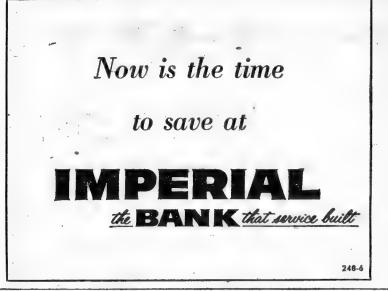
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Growing Beans In Southern Alberta

I. B. "Bliss" Roberts is a Southern Alberta farmer who is licking the wheat surplus and marketing stalemate with beans and a few other special, cash crops that have made his district one of the more economically stable in the West.

"Bliss" Roberts, down Raymond way, 25 miles southeast of Lethbridge in the irrigation belt, is known as the fellow who raises prize winning beans. In fact, he's Canada's Bean - championship winner at the Toronto Royal in November and second at the Chicago International with his navy field beans, also second for any other variety of beans. He knows beans and has made a success of growing these profitable legumes. He von with samples of Pinto beans and figures they have some advantages over the Burbank variety of dry beans so popular with the trade.

The Burbank is widely raised in Southern Alberta. It was introduced back in 1924 and is named for the famous plant breeder Luther Burbank. "I like the Burbank because of its early maturity. It is an all-round good variety and does well in our country and should do well in other parts of the West. It is accepted by the CSGA for registration." said Mr. Roberts in commenting on his success with beans over many years.

The Bean King believes if the problem of the wheat surplus now plaguing the West is to be met it must be done by diversification. "We can start the change over in the irrigation areas where it is easier to find substitute crops that are suitable that are suitable than on dry land. Beans. a cultivated crop, is desirable on irrigated land as cultivation controls the weed problem on the farm and provides the farmer with an assured, The market is here if we cash crop. raise good beans," he said.

Beans and Beets

Mr. Roberts combines his bean production with sugar beets as he is fortunate in being located in a beet growing area. He can haul his beets to the Raymond factory and so gets returns from both beans and beets. It forms the basis of his farm program. The seeding and cultivating of the crop can be done largely by the same machinery. Then again, he points out, beans do not add to the early spring rush on an irrigated farm as they are seeded later than beets. "I find the best time to seed," he said, "is May 10 to 20. Then too they are harvested before the beets digging orders go out from the factory. So, you see, beans are what I call an in-between cash crop.

Right here it should be said that "Bliss" Roberts believes on taking advantage of the work of the scientists at the Lethbridge Experimental Farm. He has worked closely with W. D. Hay of the Farm staff, an ardent enthusiast for beans in Southern Alber-"I give credit to the Lethbridge Experimental Station for much of what success I have had with beans. Their experiments revealed the best varieties for our region. These tests have shown Burbank and an early strain of Great Northern as the most desirable strains. The Burbank is a small white bean, while the other, a kidney-shaped type, is somewhat larger in size. Both beans are excellent cookers and suitable for canning. Yields are good. I would say an acre of land should yield about 1,000 ibs. In Alberta we use about 35,000,000 pounds of beans yearly, most of them brought in from Ontario. I figure every acre in Alberta converted from wheat to another crop will help to

control our wheat surplus problem," he said.

"I went into beans to balance up my farm program and to prove that this is bean country. We raise quality beans here and I am pleased to see that the famous Noble Farms at Nobleford will raise about 30 acres this year on dry land. Dr. C. S. Noble is one of our great prairie agricul-turists and his sons are following in his footsteps. They have become interested in beans and will try them out on a reasonable acreage. I certainly 'do not advocate jumping into this crop on a grand scale. Take it easy and learn about beans gradually. That's the safe way, I have found by long experience," was how the Raymond grower puts it. And he added:

"Beans work well into a rotation and I am convinced that if our farmers would give as much attention to beans as they do to sugar beets, the returns would be quite as good. I know something about the difficulties in the early days of the beet industry. It was hard to get started and the barriers to beans are no greater than those that challenged the early beet growers. In 1925 the average beet yield was 7.68 tons to the acre and sold for \$5.90 a ton. In 1954 the vield was up to 11.97 and the price \$13.12

Came from Utah

I. B. Roberts has had an interesting history. Born in the state of Utah of pioneer stock - some of his progenitors arriving in the then sterile valleys of Utah in 1848 one year after the first Mormon pioneers arrived in their covered wagon train from the Missouri River. The Roberts family left Utah for Canada in the big colonization trek at the turn of the century arriving in Raymond in May, 1904. The old Knight beet sugar mill was just getting underway, and the irrigation canal was flowing with water. He bought a 240-acre irrigated farm just north and west of the booming little town named for that famous cattleman Ray Knight. That was in 1909 and he says: "I still live on that farm after over half a century of very busy but very happy years. I have been active in the farm and co-operative movement and in my church during those years and find these outlets are necessary in wellrounded rural life."

Let Mr. Roberts now take over. He recalled: "From the beginning I have had wonderful help from my family. Our farm program included a reasonable acreage of hay and irrigated pasamong the first in this area to es- not favorable.

tablish a commercial farm feeding and finishing beef cattle business.

"The management of the Southern Alberta Co-operative Association at Lethbridge gave much appreciated leadership in those lean years. few ranchers were found to be willing to supply cattle under feeder con-

"Bliss" Roberts feeds cattle and has some well defined ideas on that subject as he has on raising beans and beets. "In connection with cattle feeding and finishing — here is what I have found out over the years and it might interest other feeders. We have never given our cattle very much grain but always lots of hay and as many varieties as possible. Too many feeders scrimp on hay. Hay is a soil improving crop both when it is grown and when it is fed. This is not true of grain. Cattle do better with plenty of hay; gains are made a little faster with heavy grain feeding but the health of the cattle is better with more hay and less grain, and they are better 'dressed up' when they face the buyer. I may say that cattle feeding has been the basis of our farm program for 30 years. We like the combination of cattle and these special crops.

Cut Down Grain Output

"I am sure that a rotation of sweet clover plowed under early in June on the dry farms, and a substantial acreage seeded to grass as a sort of soil bank, is desirable. Then I would bring some livestock into the program. On the irrigated farm, I would say 'let's get grain out of our heads' except for feed and straw, or as a nurse crop in planting grass and hay crops. Don't try the special crops on too large an acreage. They must have careful attention to pay out. My rotation runs about like this: sugar beets, then canning crops, the land to be manured, plowed and prepared for canning corn, which helps to improve the soil texture; then field beans and then back to sugar beets."

Getting back to his "special pet crop" beans, "Bliss" Roberts says the cerealists seem to think there is a market in the prairie provinces and Alaska for the production of 30,000 to 35,000 acres of beans and that some of this could be raised on dry land under good management. Mr. Roberts suggests the V shaped Noble blade with a wheel driven side delivery rake attached, to rake the crops immediately the beans are ready for stacking, in about half the time it takes to get them dry enough for the bickup thresher. With the farm hand stacker, he says, the stacking job is not a big one as the vines are not ture with livestock. The by-products heavy. The threshing can be done from sugar beets helped us to expand late in the fall or even carried our livestock program and we were through the winter if the weather is

Mr. Roberts started raising beans in 1933 getting his seed from Don Bark at Brooks, Alta. He has had outstanding success at Toronto and Chicago as his array of ribbons prove. In 1954 the Raymond grower made the headlines when he placed first at Chicago for Pinto beans. Last year he came back to get into the honors category at both Toronto and Chicago and he gives a lot of the credit to Mrs. Roberts, who helped prepare the samples.

"Lastly, I would like to say that getting into beans our farmers must assure the trade a steady supply that is obvious."







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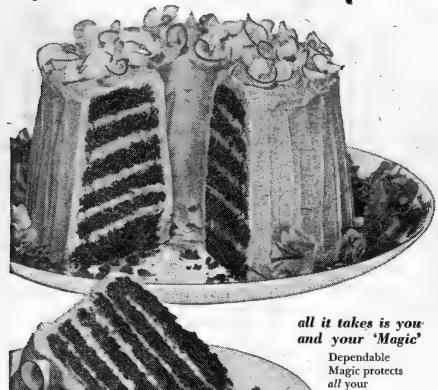


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Mocha Dessert Layers



CHOCOLATE CHIFFON CAKE

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½ teaspoon salt

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% cup fine granulated sugar

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3 egg yolks

1 teaspoon vanilla

¼ teaspoon cream of tartar

4 egg whites, at room temperature

Sift flour, Magic Baking Powder, salt, cocoa and sugar together once, then into a large bowl. Make a well in flour mixture and add cooking oil, water, egg yolks and vanilla; mix these liquids a little with mixing spoon, then combine with flour mixture and beat until smooth. Sprinkle cream of tartar over egg whites and beat until very, very stiff (much stiffer than for a meringue). Fold chocolate mixture into egg-white, about a quarter at a time. Turn into ungreased tube pan (8 inches, top inside measure). Bake in rather slow oven, 325°, 1 to 11/2 hours. Immediately cake is baked, invert pan and allow cake to hang suspended until cold. (To "hang" cake, rest tube of inverted pan on a funnel or rest rim of pan on 3 inverted small cups.)

MOCHA DESSERT LAYERS

1/3 cup fine granulated sugar 2 tablespoons instant coffee 1/s teaspoon salt

1 pint (2½ cups) chilled whipping cream ¼ teaspoon-vanilla 1 Chocolate Chiffon Cake

Combine sugar, coffee and salt. Gradually stir in whipping cream; cover and chill I hour. Beat until softly stiff; add vanilla. Continue to beat mixture until stiff. Cut cold cake into 6 layers and put together with whipped cream between layers; frost cake all over with remaining whipped cream. Chill for several hours - preferably overnight. Decorate with shredded coconut or choppedtoasted nutmeats. Yield: 8 to 10 servings.





Aunt ' Sal Suggests

I hope that Indian summer, Is visiting out your way; And I hope it brings you happiness, Every single day.

MOST of us associate housecleaning with the spring and autumn but I did mine in the middle of the summer. That is one particular cleaning and that was a thorough ransacking of my files containing the thousands of letters from you readers. It was really fun re-reading many of those letters again, for nothing is more individual than a person's hand writing and it pleased me how many I recognized at first glance. Not, all of your letters contain questions however: some offer such fine ideas that you have found to be helpful in your various household chores. How how . . . how I wish I had the room to share more of these with you. Maybe we could talk our editor into giving one issue a year just for the women! Can't you just imagine how disgusted issue arrived in their mail boxes? I shudder to think of the remarks they'd make . . . don't you?

But I shall tuck in a few readercontributions this month. First of all want to give you one of the best hints that has ever come my way. It is for cleaning a scorched kettle. Now if this is used neither the kettle nor the frying pan can call each other black. I tried this on an enamel coffee pot, a heavy aluminum pressure cooker and a stainless steel pan. Now don't think I deliberately allowed these three to burn so I could test out this idea. Oh, no, I'm not as keen a "tester" as that. It was respectively a too-long-winded telephone call, a detective story and a bath that made me forget I had something on the stove. Now without any more rambling here it is . . . If you burn any kettle then chop up a big onion skin and all into the charred ruin and cover with water add a little baking soda, too, if you wish and let it boil and boil. If it is a very bad scorched job you may have to repeat it. There's my good deed for the day!

Mrs. W. A. sent me in this nice recipe a long time back and at last I've got around to sharing it. She

Ginger Sugar Tops

This makes a big batch so you with home freezers will want to store half of the dough for a future baking. 4 cups all-purpose flour, 1 cup molasses (or half of it syrup), 1½ cups white sugar, 2 eggs, 1 cup butter, 2 tsps. baking powder, 2 tsps. ginger, 1 tsp. salt, 3 tsps. baking soda. I'll not give you detailed mixing orders, I think you can toss those together. Roll into little balls in your hands and dip tops in granulated sugar. Bake on greased cookie sheets in oven 375° F. for about 20 minutes.

As a fine suggestion to you angel cake bakers who have difficulty in using up all the egg yolks that are left begging, Mrs. J. B., of Kamloops, B.C., sends in her really good recipe for a cake that she has named:

Luxor Loaf

(I wonder where the name came from.) ½ cup egg yolks, ½ cup lukewarm water, ½ tsp. baking soda, 1 TER I want to bring to your attention. cup fine sugar, 1 tsp. vanilla, 1½ cups Last month I gave my files a thorough

cake flour, 2 tsps. baking powder, 1/2 tsp. salt. We'd better give you Mrs. B.'s method for this.

Method: Combine yolks, water and baking soda in large bowl and beat until very light and foamy. Add sugar slowly and beat well after each addi-Sift the flour, baking powder and salt (I did this three times as I was feeling industrious that day) and fold this into egg mixture. Bake in ungreased tube pan in oven 350° F. for about 50 minutes. (I found I had to bake it almost one hour, but our ovens differ, don't they?)

Several years ago I was asked for the recipe for a certain pudding and at that time I could not find it so many of you came to the rescue, among them Mrs. A. B. C., Magrath, Alberta. Now I've had cause to consider Mrs. C. a fine friend in need many a time and one day some months back I heard her name mentioned over a radio programme and the announcer stated it was this lady's birthday (and he candidly mentioned the sum total of her years too).. Right then it came to me that was the same lady who had done me so many good turns so I put through a long-distance call to her to send my personal good wishes for a happy birthday. Honestly she acted so grateful you'd think I'd given her a slice of the mint whatever that is! And now to come back to this pudding I started to tell you I find that it bears names but Mrs. C. calls it butterthe male readers would be when that scotch dumplings so what's good enough for this dear lady is good enough for me so here it is:

Butter Scotch Dumplings

Make a syrup by boiling 1 cup brown sugar with 2 cups water and 1 tblsp. butter. Place this syrup in the bottom of a cake pan and drop a batter on it by combining these: 1 tblsp. cup sugar (white or brown), 1½ cups all-purpose flour, ½ cup sweet milk. Bake in oven 375° F. for about 30 minutes. Of course you can go fancy if you wish and top each serving with whipped cream but you really should be ashamed of yourself for it is plenty super without any extra addition.

. And now a few words especially directed to you lucky ladies who have added a home freezer to your homes and your hearts. So many of you have asked me about obtaining books on freezing. Well you can get a fine reliable one (and free, too!) by writing to Consumer Section, Marketing Service, Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa, Ontario. Be sure and send for it.

Bye bye for now ...and every good ish. Aunt Sal.

Let's Ask Aunt Sal

No matter what the weather, Or what the season brings, There are bound to be some questions, About all kinds of things.

I'm going to put this note at the ery first so you won't overlook it for I've come to the conclusion that some of you don't read to the very bottom of the page. (Am I right?) Well, here it is anyway. From this month on I will not answer any question either privately or in the column unless the writer signs her name. Now that sounds rather "Irish" for of course I couldn't answer you privately if you didn't sign your name, could I? Some questions came in during the past while that did rate private replies because for one reason or another they did not fit into the column, but I couldn't, for I'm sure an envelope addressed to "Mrs. J. T." would wander hopelessly about the country.

AND HERE IS ANOTHER MAT-TER I want to bring to your attention.

house cleaning and I found a few letters that did not have the "check off" mark that I generally place on them once they've been answered. So if any of you have written me during the last couple of years and you never received an answer, write again will you. This time you need not enclose return postage, but write distinctly on top of the letter "Repeat" and I'll know what you mean. Now after that lecture ... and I meant every word of it ... let's get down to brass tacks.

Q.: I want a good recipe for rye crisps or ryevita? — (Three requests for this food.)

A.: I have never made these, but I received this recipe from a lady who tells me she has often used it.

Rye Crisp

1 pint buttermilk, ½ cup butter, % tsp. baking soda, 1½ tsp. salt. Combine these then add enough coarse flour such as rye until the dough is very stiff. Divide into 24 balls and roll on floured board until very thin. Prick holes in top and bake on cookie sheet in hot oven 400° until done. (Now a word about the temperature. Another recipe I got, and think I once shared with you called for a slow oven, but this lady says "no".)

Q: Could you tell me what packers put in the lard to make it keep, and how much they use? — (Mrs. M. B., Colinton, Alta.)

A.; I made inquiries about this, but apparently it was one of those professional secrets that they will not divulge. (Any comments from readers on this is welcome.)

Q.: Have you a recipe for making cheese from goat's milk? — (Mrs. J. F., Lintlaw, Sask.)

A.: I really have done a lot of hunting on this one, but have come up with no results, so, again, I ask you readers if any of you have had any experience in making goat's cheese?

Q.: I think you promised us a recipe for soft cheese that spreads, but I haven't seen it in the column? (At least six requests.)

A.: Spreadeasy Cheese (sent in by Mrs. G. B., Wetaskiwin, Alta.) Combine these: 5 cups cottage cheese, 1 cup sweet cream, ½ to ¾ cup butter, 1 tsp. paprika, 3 tsps. baking soda, salt to taste. Let stand for ½ hour in glass or crock then slowly boil in top of double boiler, stirring often as it scorches easily.

Q.: Please give me the name of the firm in Montreal that sharpens pinking shears?—(Mrs. R. G., Vegreville, Alta.)

A.: I checked this address again with one of the sewing machine shops, and they gave it to me thus: W. L. Chipchase Reg'd, 1667 St. Catherines St. West, Montreal, Quebec.

Q.: What causes sealers filled with home-canned meat to loosen their seals about two months after being put in cellar even though they seemed perfectly sealed at first? — ((Mrs. D. V., Rolla, B.C.)

A.: First make very sure that the rubber bands were not too wide and that the glass tops were the right ones. Then the main reason for the unhappy condition you name is underprocessing. The bath water must be kept at boiling point continuously throughout the whole time. If you add more water than that, water must be boiling. The experts tell us that if throughout the processing time the water should be allowed to go below boiling point then you'll have to start counting back at the beginning again.

Q.: I got a plain milk stain on a yellow linen dress and washed it in hot water and detergent and now the stain seems to be "set". Is there any way to now remove it?—(Mrs. A. H.)

A.: Professional launderers state that one of the worst stains they encounter is milk stain. When it dries it is almost invisible, but when immersed in hot water it will "set" as yours did. We are advised to soak all animal stains (milk, cream, eggs and blood) in cool water first. The only thing I would advise now is to dampen the stain in cool water and sprinkle pepsin powder (obtainable at drug stores) over the stain and work it in with fingers then wash in warm suds and rinse well.

Requests for Cookie Recipes

I am working on three of them, but to date cannot find satisfactory help for any of them, I own hundreds and hundreds of cook books and have spent hours browsing through their cookie sections. So now I come to you readers and ask your assistance.

(1) A cookie with ground rice as one ingredient is wanted by Mrs. A. T. (no address).

(2) A cake or cookie with a chocolate foundation and coconut then a lemon filling like a jelly then a melted chocolate topping is wanted by Mrs. C. C., Launder, Man.

(3) (I see this next request isn't for a cookie, but a milk dish). It is Norwegian or Swedish and is called Chorkmurk is wanted by Mrs. P. U., Grand Centre, Alta.

Note: All readers are invited to send in their home-making problems to Aunt Sal in care of the Farm and Ranch Review. Only one question to each letter, and must be signed by the full name and address of the writer. If you wish a private reply enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Aunt Sal.

Bread and salt make the cheeks red.—German proverb.



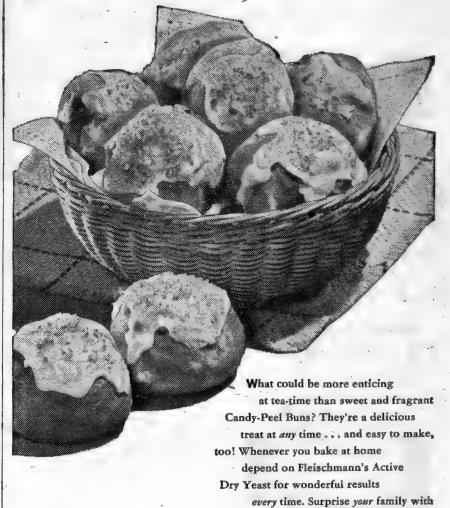
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CANDY-PEEL BUNS

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Let stand 10 minutes, THEN stir well.

Meantime, sift together into a bowl

1½ cups once-sifted allpurpose flour 1 teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons granulated sugar

Mix in

1/2 teaspoon ground cardamon seeds

Cut in finely

1/2 cup chilled shortening and mix in

1/2 cup chopped candied peel

Combine

3 well-beaten eggs
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

and dissolved yeast.

Stir into flour mixture and beat until smooth

and elastic. Cover with a damp cloth. Let rise in warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk, about ½ hour. Stir down batter.

this toothsome treat tomorrow.

Work in an additional

1½ cups (about) once-sifted all-purpose flour

Turn out dough onto a large square of cheesecloth; gather edges of cheesecloth together loosely and tie. Drop dough into a large pan of cool, but not chilled water and let stand until doubled in bulk, about 45 minutes. Remove dough from cheese-cloth and place on very-well-floured board or canvas. Form into a 16-inch roll; cut roll into 16 equal pieces; form into smooth balls. Place, well apart, on greased cookie sheets. Brush with melted butter or margarine. Cover. Let rise until doubled in bulk, about 25 minutes. Bake in a hot oven, 425°, 12 to 15 minutes.

Frost while warm with the following icing and sprinkle with chopped nutmeats.

Combine 1 cup sifted icing sugar and ¼ teaspoon vanilla; add sufficient milk to make a stiff icing.

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History Of McDougall Church

By BEATRICE CLINK

TUST off 101st Street in the heart of downtown Edmonton, is the little old George McDougall Church, the first Protestant Church in Alberta It is a real experience to step out of the hustle and bustle of Jasper Avenue into the quiet of this little

pioneer church now preserved as a museum and monument of our pioneer

It is open to the public daily except Mondays and a guide is on hand to take visitors around the old church and explain the many pictures and articles on display. Each visitor is asked to sign the guest book as he leaves and looking it over, we saw names from every province of Canada, most of the states of United States, the British Isles, India and other distant lands.

All stop to read the bronze plaque just inside the gate and then look for a while at the Red River cart preserved under a canvas in the yard of the church. It was in such a crude hand-wrought vehicle that the early pioneers to the West did most of their travelling. The trail from Ft. Garry to Edmonton was worn by the passing of brigades of such carts carrying the necessities of life as well as incoming settlers to the West.

"There will be a great city here some day," Rev. George McDougall remarked to his son, John, as they neared the brow of McDougall Hill overlooking the river valley. There was then no public building outside the Hudson Bay Fort that stood on a bench of the north bank of the Saskatchewan River about three-fourths of a mile to the southeast.



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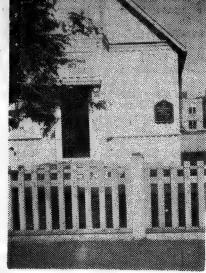
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Famous McDougall Church.

The first Protestant church in Alberta, a log building, was erected at this spot on the brow of the hill by Rev. George McDougall and a band of his Indians in the summer of 1871. The logs, which were obtained locally, were peeled and fitted painstakingly. It is peculiar in construction in that it has upright logs between the windows, in the corners, and over the front door.

There was a gallery in the church at one time with a little stairway leading up from the front door to the left. It accommodated twenty to thirty people. The original logs can be seen today and the interior of the roof is the same as when erected. The exterior siding was removed in order to rechink and replaster the logs. The nails used in the siding were made by hand by a blacksmith at Fort Saskatchewan and cost one dollar a pound. The siding was replaced as formerly, running up and down, not horizontally.

Services were held in the log Then a church from 1871 to 1896. old log church was placed in the rear.

Might Have Been a Granary

At one time it was put up for sale and was in imminent danger of being sold to a local farmer to move onto his farm for a granary. Fortunately this was averted by the intervention of an Edmonton business man, P. E. Butchart, who bought it and presented it to Alberta College.

The little church was used as a dormitory by Alberta College for many years and stood along the alley back of the school. In 1943 the Presbytery feeling the need of saving this old Historic Building nominated a committee to raise funds to move and renovate the old church.

About \$6,000 was raised by an appeal to local business organizations and leading citizens donated generously. The church was moved to its present position between the school and the church on 101 Street. two lower logs had rotted and were replaced. New shingles were needed for the roof. A new floor, new seats modelled after the old ones and new windows were put in.

No further appeal has been made, but all expenses since then have been met by the offerings received in the contribution boxes and by the fivedollar wedding fees received for its It has been a popular place for weddings, about two hundred having taken place in it up to the present.

The pulpit and the pulpit chairs were the gift of Rev. Dr. Huestis who was pastor of the church from 1903 to 1907. The chairs are of 12th Century design and are made without any metal bolt or screw, yet they are making. firm and substantial.

It was the plan of the committee

to make the church a shrine, a place of worship and a museum, hence the pictures you see on the walls are connected with the early history of the church, and the men and women who took a prominent part in its work in early days,

The first group of pictures are of the McDougall family. Mrs. George McDougall was the first white woman to live in Alberta. There are pictures of her sons, John and David, and of her three daughters, one of whom the wife of Senator Hardisty, was the mother of the first white child born in Alberta.

Nearby is a picture of the Methodist parsonage in Edmonton. It stood to the north-east of the church just about where the Memorial Hall now

Rev. George McDougall came to Alberta as a Methodist missionary in 1868. He built a mission house a school at Victoria, northeast of Ed-monton on the bank of the Saskatchewan at a place now called Pakan. Here he carried on a very successful work among the Cree Indians. He came with his son to Edmonton in 1871 and selected a plot on which Mc-Dougall Church and Alberta College wère erected. He was supposed to have received a quarter section, but for some unknown reason he crowded into a corner of the section.

They gathered the Indians together and put up a log church, Rav. George McDougall being in charge for four ears, 1871 - 1875.

In 1874 George McDougall visited the Stoneys at what is now Morley, west of Calgary. They were noted for periodic trips into the mountains, in the vicinity of Banff and hunting expeditions. He went with them up the Bow and they pleaded with him to establish a mission near them. On his return he built a church and school at Morley in 1874, and left his son, John, in charge of it.

Buffalo Hunt

In 1876 George McDougall returned new frame church was built and the to visit Morley. He found the people nearly out of meat. He suggested a buffalo hunt. They heard that there were buffalo available northeast of Calgary so decided to go there. Their hunt was successful. They had killed five buffaloes and night was coming on. George McDougall suggested to his son that he would go on ahead and get the fire going at the camp that they had established in some brush near the Bow. His son would load the meat on a sleigh and bring it at a more leisurely pace.

A storm arose and although the son with the horses and sleigh reached. the camp, the father did not come. All night they awaited his arrival, but he did not appear. In the morning, they made a search for him. They looked for him for three days, then secured help from Calgary. He was finally found thirteen days after he had left them to go to camp.

He was found lying on the prairie,

frozen to death, with his hands peacefully folded over his bosom. This was January 23, 1876. Thus ended tragically this remarkable life, a life that would probably have been good for another ten or fifteen years were it not for his untimely end. He lived long enough, however, to leave a great record of service and his name will be passed on to posterity as the builder and founder of the first Protestant Church in Alberta.

Other pictures show early missionaries and ministers of the church. There is one of Rev. Henry Steinhauer, the first native Indian missionary. He was a little boy in a camp of Ojibway Indians in Ontario who made their living by basket Elder Case of the local church was asked by a wealthy Phila-

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One day when I was at my cousin's moved them to a shed about 1/2 mile place, we saw a porcupine at the end from our place. One morning when of the field. Two of my cousins went went home (since it is only 1/4 of a mile) and told Mom and my sisters from that direction, all bloody. They and brothers, so they went over to hurried down to see what had hapsee it. After everybody had a look at it, we took a stick and chased it out of the garage. It went under a pile of tin and parts of an old car, and we couldn't get it out, so we left 188, Warner, Alberta. The next morning it was gone.-Leta Simmons, Tawatinaw, Alberta.

Several weeks ago the Koethler family was getting ready to go to the lake. Mr. Koethler took the carburetor from the truck to clean it. A little instrument fell out of the carburetor and quick as a flash a chicken picked it up. Mr. Koethler ran after the chicken, but it was too late it had swallowed it and, of course, the carburetor wouldn't work now so their trip had to be cancelled. —E. Wall, Box 933, Swift Current, Sask.

One Sunday, in summer, we went on a fishing trip to our creek. This creek is near Hatehleigh. We came to the creek while there were other fishermen, so we went our own way, but they followed us to the where we went to, so we all fished together. As we were fishing, we saw an airplane flying to Glaslyn. On this place we fished for about two hours, and not catching any fish, we moved to another spot and found a few suckers. While we were fishing one of us heard a car drive up to the creek, so we got scared and thought it was a game warden. While he was walking up to us he frightened out a nice pheasant. When this makebelieve game-warden walked up to us, it was only some of my relations. For at this, we had to return home be-cause we had visitors, so we left the rest fishing. There was a neighbor that went home with us. - Johnny Duchuk, Square Hill, Alberta. 敢.

Some weeks ago Saturday, Dad and my mother were away hauling fence posts and my stepsister and I were to watch the sheep so they would not get into the wheat. On Sunday, they were going down to see the sheep and Dad said, "they are over there down by the dam." They said to themselves, "they would go home and we'd both get the strap," (which we never do). Just then Dad tooted the horn and about a hundred antelope ran away and jumped the fence. The sheep weren't in the wheat at all.-Harvey Henlines, Coutts, Alberta.

One day the boys and I went to the neighbor's to play with the boys. They weren't home, but we didn't want to go home, so we looked in the corral and saw a little mouse in the straw. We turned around and there we saw a dead cat. Glen thought it was his cat, so I dragged it home. We showed it to his mother, Dad and children. Then we buried the cat. When their Dad went to milk he saw four cats instead of three cats. was Glen's cat and we thought it had died! Wasn't that a trick on us! -Clifford Teasdale, Fabyan, Alta.

Last summer, when our roosters were about four months old, we

we went down to feed them we found and chased it to the house. When it half of them dead. We thought it got to the house, it ran around in the was a coyote, so we set a trap for yard and then, into the garage. I him. The next morning several of our men saw two of our dogs coming pened and they found some more dead ones. Then we knew who our killers were and we made sure they'd never kill anything again. - J. P. Entz. Box

> One day last week my brother, Gerald, found a sick hen behind the granary. He called my oldest brother to come and kill it. Gerald wondered what made it sick, so he opened it up. Its heart was as big as a cow's heart and full of lumps and fluid. Its liver was still nice and red.-Karen Grover, Hays, Alberta. (Age 8).

McDougall Church

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delphian merchant to select a little boy. He would educate him, give him his name, and send him west as a missionary. So it came about that Mr. Steinhauer, a Philadelphian merchant who had recently lost a son studying for the ministry, adopted this little Indian boy. He was educated for the ministry and became associated later with Rev. James Evans in the translating of the Bible into the Cree language. He was in charge of a mission at Whitefish Lake 1869-1872.

The picture shows him with his two sons who became missionaries as well. His oldest daughter married Rev John McDougall.

There are pictures of Old Fort Edmonton donated by the Hudson Bay Company. One shows an Indian scouting party looking up at the old Fort from the spot which now marks the north end of 105th Street bridge.

Another very interesting picture is one of the 101st Street lift which was used mostly for hauling coal up to the street level from the river valley. A picture of Jasper Avenue in early days is quite a contrast to the modern neon-lighted Jasper Avenue of to-

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Besides the pictures, other tokens of the past have been gathered in this memorial church. There is a showcase with a collection of vessels used in the Sacrament of the Lord's Sup-Another item is an old copper kettle used by a party coming from Winnipeg across the prairies.

There is also the Ordination Bible of the Rev. George McDougall which was presented to him on the occasion of his ordination in 1854. Close by this is a Cree syllable Bible, a Cree hymn book, and other interesting old books.

In another showcase we see some Indian relics. Here we have an Indian scalping instrument which a farmer plowed up in an Indian battlefield near Clive. Of interest, too, is a knife for scraping buffalo hides, as well as an instrument called an Indian food grinder found in the Peace River district. An Indian bludgeon reflects the cruelty of the era before the mission-

Here our tour of the old George McDougall church ends, a tour which has taken us back into the early days of Edmonton and the early days of the church.

As we pass out the doorway of the little church, we pause to read the verses written by Rev. J. T. Stephens. This one seems especially appropri-

"No, just a simple church beyond the Fort.

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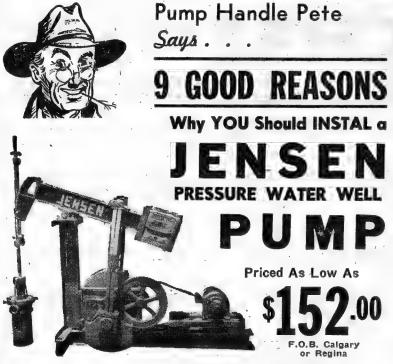
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In the first six months of this year 69,924 people migrated to Canada, one-third being from the British Isles. It is expected that immigration total for the year will be 135,000.

Dr. L. B. Thomson, 56, for six years head of the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation act, died of a heart attack at his home in Regina on September 17. . .

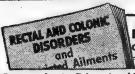
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FARM-CITY WEEK

The Editor:

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Here is the background in the United States, as told by one of your farm contemporaries: "One hundred years ago, 88 per cent of the Ameri-canpeople lived on the land. Today our population ratios are turned upside down. Today 88 per cent of the people are in the cities, towns and villages; only 12 per cent are on the land. Yet these 12 per cent are able to produce food, and more than enough food, for all of us. We couldn't have our abundant American life today if we did not have a highly productive agriculture. Farm needs city; city neds farm. Neither can live without the other. That is the story that Farm-City Week should tell, and we in agricultural co-operatives are in a unique position to tell 't. We are membership organizations made up of farmers. We are also business organizations. We work both sides of the stret; we see both sides of the picture. We operate in the fields and in the barns; also in the factories and the market-place. Farm-City Week is an opportunity. It's a public relations vehicle; new, shiny, packed with power, gassed-up and ready to go!"—(R. B. G., Ithaca, N.Y.)

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WHEAT CROPS OF THE PAST The Editor:

Regarding article on wheat surplus in your issue of September, in which it is stated that this is due to Mother Nature. I do not think better crops are being produced than when I was farming, unless you go back to 1887, very dry, 1888 when a heavy crop froze and 1889 which was dry. If those years came again we would have to import wheat. Outside of those years if we got 50c a bushel we were well away. At \$1.50 a bushel there are more people farming for easy money. The help is the same way, if you offer big wages you would need a cannery to make cat and dog food. — W. H. Eraut, 637 Victoria Drive, Penticton, B.C.

STILL THE ANCIENT ENGINE The Editor

In your July issue you carried an article on an ancient engine by an elderly gentleman. It's 70 years on a little September 11th since I was boy and since my Dad had five en-gines of various kinds, I grew up with engines, and my engine experience dates back to middle '90's. My experience has earned me four breeds of certificates for Alberta, besides the experience I have had in Wisconsin, Minn., N. Dakota, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Hence I may be able to throw a little light on the ancient en-Hence I may be able to gine. It had a sprocket on the crankshaft and a large sprocket on the one wheel like on a binder.

So it was a chain drive and all the horses had to do was to steer the engine like they were hitched to a wagon and do some pulling in tough spots to keep the engine from pulling over sideways since the engine was driven from one side only.

There was a seat near the front end of engine for the teamster.

It was a big improvement over the portable which had to be drawn by horses. Otherwise the engine was much the same as the later tractors.— Emil Lorentson, Box 13, Bindloss, Alta.

CANADA'S INSECT LIFE

About 80,000 different kinds of insects live in Canada, according to a recent census made in the Canadian National Collection of Insects at Ottawa. In making this estimate, G. P. Holland, Chief of the Insect Systematics and Biological Control Unit, Canada Department of Agriculture, and head curator of the National Insect Collection added that "new ones are being discovered every day".

This means that there are about twice as many kinds of insects in Canada alone as there are different kinds of animals, birds and fish combined, in the entire world. If Noah were building his ark today — this time for a pair of each of the living creatures of Canada only — he would have to include a room some 500 feet long and 160 feet wide just to provide each pair with one square foot of space.

Museum specimens, being dead, do not require so much space. In fact, between two and three million insects are stored in the Canadian National Insect Collection. As a means to enable Canada to cope with the enormous problem of segregating and identifying all these different insects Mr. Holland stated:

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New Hog Grading Plan

THE Canadian Federation of Agriculture is working on recommendations for changes in hog grading in Canada.

The Federation says that the merit of carcass grading is that it permits more accurate grading and the segregation into grades of carcasses of comparable value. But experience has shown that this is not now being accomplished to the degree possible, mainly for the reason that the carcass grades were not originally established strictly on the basis of carcass values, but rather to compare with the live grades in existence in 1934, at which time carcass or live grading was left optional to the producer.

The grades proposed by the Federation separate hog carcasses into three broad groups :

- 1. All carcasses of A or Select Bacon type, the most desirable in both domestic and export markets.
 - 2. B or bacon type carcasses.
 - 3. All other carcasses.

The following is the full text of the resolution passed by the CFA Board:

- 1. Resolved that the Canadian Federation of Agriculture approves in principle the adoption of the following hog carcass grades :
 - A Type-Ideal weight, 135-165 lbs. No. 1 back fat.
 - A Type—Ideal weight, 135-165 lbs. No. 2 back fat.
 - A Type-Underweight, 125-134 lbs. No. 1 and No. 2 back fat.
 - A Type-Overweight, 166-175 lbs. No. 1 and No. 2 back fat.
 - B Type-125-185 lbs.
 - C Type—125-195 lbs.

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ing differentials on grades to be ne- bushels thereto. The wheat was shipgotiated between producers and pack-

Resolved that Federal Government premiums on the new grades be \$3.00 per head on A Type, Ideal Weight, No. 1 Back Fat Carcasses, and \$2.00 on A Type, Ideal Weight No. 2 Back Fat Carcasses.

Resolved that the Canadian Federation of Agriculture appoint a standing committee to negotiate on hog differentials, and on other matters they may be specifically charged with from time to time.

Early Western Grain Exports

H. A. Dowler, now of Fisher Home, Alberta, was one of the first country elevator operators in this province, and was also export manager at Vancouver for one of the earliest elevator companies.

The Alberta Pacific Elevator Co. was launched in 1904, with Messrs. Beiseker and Davidson, prominent financiers of the period, being the main backers. L. P. Strong was brought to Alberta to superintend the company's operations. F. A. Dowler was secretary-treasurer.

While on a visit to the editorial office of The Farm and Ranch Review, H. A. Dowler related some of the experiences in the grain business in the early years of Alberta. He operated an elevator at Millet and farmers in Central Alberta then grew oats and barley mainly. Ladoga wheat was introduced but it was of poor quality. Next came Ruby wheat, of excellent milling quality, but susceptible to shelling. Banner oats and O.A.C. 21 barley were the preferred varieties.

In 1909 Mr. Dowler was made ex-Further resolved that adoption of port manager of the company at these grades be subject to satisfactory Vancouver. He then was 28 years negotiation of readjustment of premodd. He opened an export market for iums with the Federal Government, Alberta wheat in Mexico and that

and a satisfactory agreement regard- crop year exported over a million ped on consignment, but the Mexican millers liked it so well they snapped it up by the carload.

> "You know it is my cherished plan to move all our grain through Van-couver," wrote Mr. Strong to Mr. Dowler in 1910. "The increase each year is phenomenal and is in every way bearing out the prognostications I made five years ago. We are en-larging our plants here in Alberta all the time with a view to handling very largely increased volumes of grain, and the quantity that will go through Vancouver from year to year will be increased in accordance with the increase here in Alberta."

In 1908 Alberta's wheat production as only 6,800,000 bushels. By 1910 it had reached 9,000,000 and increased steadily year after year.

"While Mr. Strong's dream of all Alberta's wheat being exported through Vancouver could not be realized because of the tremendous expansion in production," said Mr. Dowler, "there is no question but that he realized the possibilities and pioneered the grain movement via the

Mr. Dowler managed to sell 325 cars of Alberta oats to the United States army for shipment to the Philippines for feed for army mules These oats were of better and horses. quality and lower in price than oats in the United States. The shipment went via Seattle. Alberta barley in quantity was also sold for mule feed, such animals being used in railway construction in the U.S. midwest.

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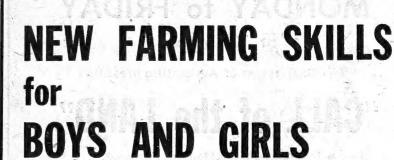
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Superintendent, Schools of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Legislative Building, Edmonton, Alberta.



Within the next 20 years Japan may be a larger importer of Canadian "Who grain than is Great Britain. That ist ask intimation was made by Canada's joke, is minister of transport, Hon. G. C. "It's Marler, in an address to the Vancouver board of trade.

Prices of feeder cattle rose so fast in the United States that buyers have been warned against paying too much for such stock. The strong rise in the price of fat cattle brought about the situation.

Fred L. Legge, of Duncan, B.C., in renewing his subscription to the Farm and Ranch Review, said he has taken the publication from its start in 1905. He homesteaded south of Granum, when the place was called Leavings.

The cash income of Canadian farmers for the first six months of the present year was \$1,188,000,000, up \$137,672,000 from the first six months of last year. Such income is lagging far behind increases in costs.

J. H. M. Randell, of Red Deer Hill, Sask., writes: "That short article in your September issue "Be Careful of Her, Lord," by Ida Haliburton, is one of the most charming things I have ever read in a long life of heavy reading. Would you publish my thanks in your next issue."

Ida Haliburton's address has been mislaid by ye editor. Would the lady please write me.

An 8-weeks' Farm Mechanics course will be conducted by the University of Saskatchewan from October 29 to December 31, and repeated from January 7 to March 1. The purpose is to develop mechanical skills for use on the farm, and is available to farmers 16 years and up. There is no tuition fee. I received publicity material too late for publication in this issue, but those interested should write L. C. Paul, extension specialist, Extension Dept., University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon.

Dr. Paul Dudley White, the American heart specialist who attended President Eisenhower when he suffered an attack last year, made the following statement to the European Congress of Cardiologists assembly at Stockholm, Sweden: "Over-eating among leading citizens as a cause of high blood pressure and heart trouble may play even more of a role in the destiny of the world than the under nutrition of hundreds of millions. Rather an enigmac utterance!"

The real cause of the trouble in Egypt lies in the fact that for generations some 1,400 Egyptians controlled 40% of the narrow ribbon of Nileirigated land, while 16,000,000 landless sharecroppers could not realize sufficient by their efforts to feed their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Bradshaw, of Condor, Alberta, write that they used to be readers of the Farm and Ranch Review years ago but have not taken it for a long time. While visiting at Gem, Alberta, they were given a copy and found oldtimers' stories interesting so they took out a new subscription. The Bradshaws homesteaded at Pandora.

Farm families and farm communities rear, feed, clothe, shelter and educate farm boys and girls. By the time they reach 25 years of age half leave the farms for the cities. Ezra Benson, United States' secretary of agriculture, says this has been one of the biggest, most valuable and least publicized of all subsidies.

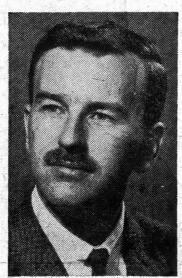
"What's the matter?" the cartoonist asked the editor. "It's a good joke, isn't it?"

"It's a very good joke," replied the editor. "The first time I heard it I laughed until the tears ran down my bib."



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